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TAMMIE BROWN, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT
The property housing the auto mechanics department of the Mason County Technical Center is being transferred from the state to the Mason County School District Thursday.

Suspicious death in Aberdeen

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ABERDEEN, Ohio | Police detectives are investigating the suspicious death of a woman who was found in her home in Aberdeen Monday evening, according to Aberdeen Police Department reports.

APD Officer Jacob Goodwin

said he would not release the name of the 44-year-old woman who was found dead by two people at 1826 Stivers Road, until all of her family members are notified.

The Ledger Independent learned late Friday that the woman had been identified as Marilyn Hafer McCord although police could not con-

firm that information.

Responding to a call from 911 communications at about 7:20 p.m., Goodwin said he arrived on the scene to find two people and the body of a woman who had been dead for several hours.

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Memorial plans in Kentucky General Assembly committee

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FRANKFORT | Supported by Kentucky House of Representatives, HB 256, an attempt to establish an Iraq/Afghanistan War Memorial site in Kentucky, passed from the House on Feb. 24 and into the Kentucky Senate on Feb. 29, in the current session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

According to a spokesperson in the office of co-sponsor Rep. Tom McKee, the bill is in the Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection committee of the Senate, at this time.

McKee, who represents the 78th District, including Robertson County, and Rep. Mike Denham, who represents the 70th District, including Mason, Bracken, and Fleming counties, co-sponsored the bill as a homage to Kentuckians who have served or lost their lives in service to the United States during Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and/or Operation Enduring Freedom.

If HB256 is adopted, it would establish a committee which would include the governor, the Kentucky secretary of Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, a commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Adjutant General of the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs and a member



TAMMIE BROWN, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT
This memorial to fallen soldiers is part of the Veterans Memorial Park in Mason County. Currently HB256 is in a committee in the Kentucky Senate. It would create a state memorial somewhere in Kentucky, dedicated to fallen soldiers with Kentucky ties.

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School district accepts property from state

COULD BE USED AS A BUS GARAGE

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Through an agreement with the state, the property formerly known as the location of Holland/McFarland Chevrolet will become the property of the Mason County School District.

The Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet has retained ownership of the property located at 668 Kenton Station, but on Thursday, paperwork will be signed giving ownership to the school district.

The building currently houses the auto mechanic school as part of the Mason County Area Technical Center and also contains an enclosed parking lot.

Mason County Board of Education members voted to accept the property from the state Monday night.

"It's a good deal for Mason County," said Superintendent Tim Moore of the transfer, which costs the school district nothing except maintenance expense.

The auto mechanic school will remain in the building, but future use of the property could include using the enclosed parking lot and two-bay garage at the rear as a bus garage for the district.

Associate Superintendent Kelly Middleton said the building contains a large room that could be used as

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Feds, Fla. probe teen's shooting by watch captain

CURT ANDERSON AND
MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

SANFORD, Fla. | An unarmed black teenager shot to death by a neighborhood watch captain told his girlfriend he was being followed shortly before the confrontation that killed him, a lawyer said Tuesday as federal and state prosecutors announced they would investigate.

"Oh he's right behind me, he's right behind me again," 17-year-old Trayvon Martin told his girlfriend on the phone, the Martin family's attorney said.

The girl later heard Martin say, "Why are you following me?" Another man asked, "What are you doing around here?" attorney Benjamin Crump said.

The phone call that re-

corded Martin's final moments was disclosed as the U.S. Justice Department opened a federal civil rights probe into the Feb. 26 shooting and the local prosecutor convened a grand jury to investigate.

The neighborhood watch captain, George Zimmerman, has not been charged and has said he shot Martin, who was returning to a gated community in Sanford after buying candy at a convenience store, in self-defense after Martin attacked him.



GEORGE ZIMMERMAN

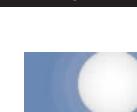
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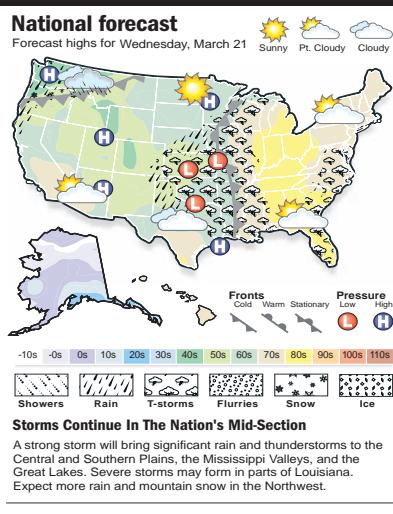
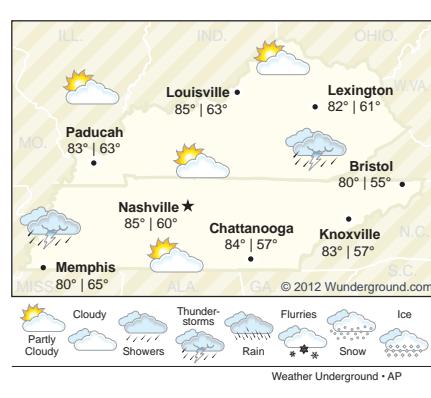
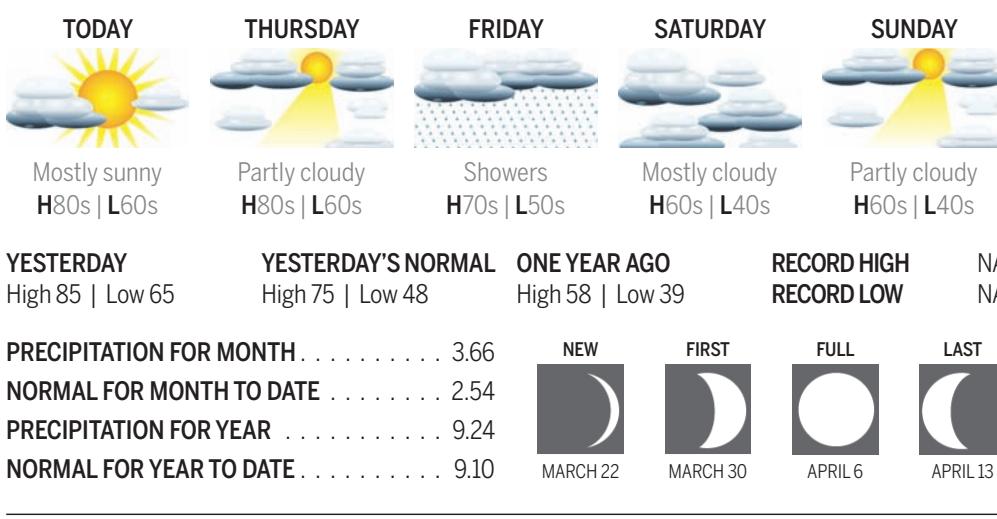
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SUNSET: 7:56PM

MEMORIAL

FROM A1

recommended by the Joint Executive Council of Veterans organizations, or a

design of any of the categories.

The committee would choose a design, determine a location and oversee the seek appropriations to build and maintain the site and collect

names to appear on the memorial.

In the Buffalo Trace region, at least six families have experienced the kind of loss the memorial is intended to address, officials said.

HB256 would also create a new section of Kentucky Revised Statutes known as the Iraq/Afghanistan War Memorial Fund, addressing public and private donations, grants, federal funds

and any public or private funds earmarked for the project.

According to the current version of HB 256, accumulated funds would be used for the establishment of the memorial and ex-

cess funds will be carried over, year-to-year, and interest earnings would become part of the fund and "shall not be appropriated or transferred by the General Assembly for any other purposes."

SHOT

FROM A1

Police say Zimmerman is white; his family says he is Hispanic.

The case has ignited racial tensions in this Orlando suburb of 53,500 people, sparking rallies and a protest in Gov. Rick Scott's office on Tuesday. The Rev. Al Sharpton is joining Sanford city leaders at a town hall meeting later Tuesday to discuss the investigation.

Police say Zimmerman was bleeding from his nose and the back of his head, and told police he had yelled out for help before he shot Martin.

Crump told reporters Tuesday it was Martin who cried out when a man bearing a 9mm handgun came at him.

Martin called his 16-year-old girlfriend in Miami several times on Feb. 26, including just before the shooting, Crump said. The discovery of the lengthy conversations, including one moments before the shooting, was made over the weekend by Martin's father by checking his son's cell phone log, Crump said.

"She absolutely blows Zimmerman's absurd self-defense claim out of the water," Crump said of Martin's girlfriend, whose name was withheld.

Martin told the girl on his way back from the store he'd taken shelter in the rain briefly at an apartment building in the gated community where his father lives, Crump said. Martin then told the girl he was being followed and would try to lose the person, Crump said.

"She says: 'Run.' He says, 'I'm not going to run, I'm just going to walk fast,'" Crump says, quoting the girl.

After Martin encountered Zimmerman, the girl thinks she heard a scuffle "because his voice changes like something interrupted his speech," Crump said. The phone call ended before the girl heard gunshots.

The last call was at 7:12 p.m. Police arrived at 7:17 p.m. to find Martin lying face down on the ground.

Zimmerman was handcuffed after police arrived and taken into custody for questioning, but was released by police without being charged. Crump called the treatment pa-

tently unfair and asked if Martin would have received the same treatment if he had been the shooter.

"We will not rest until he is arrested. The more time that passes, this is going to be swept under the rug," Crump said.

Crump said he plans to turn over information about the call to federal investigators; a grand jury in Seminole County is also likely to subpoena the records. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is also involved in the state case.

Former federal prosecutors said there are limitations to a Justice Department civil rights probe, which typically would involve a sworn law enforcement officer accused of abusing his authority. In this case, they said, it's not clear whether Zimmerman had any actual law enforcement authority or if the Sanford Police Department did anything improper.

"I think the community has the feeling that there's some type of cover-up," said Jeffrey Sloman, former U.S. attorney in Miami. "At least the department's involvement makes sure it gets some review. He wasn't a police officer.



TAMMIE BROWN, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT

Police were called to this house in Aberdeen late Monday night after reports of a suspicious death. The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation was also called to the scene.

FOUL PLAY

FROM A1

fication and Investigation unit to assist us," Goodwin said.

Three investigators from OBCII arrived at about 11:30 p.m.

"We called in OBCII, so a thorough investigation will be done. They assisted with interviews and with collecting evidence at the crime scene. This special crime investigation unit for Ohio has more resources to investigate an unknown cause of death like we found tonight," Newman said.

Brown County Coroner Timothy McKinley was also at the scene.

The body was transported to Montgomery County coroner's office for an au-

topsy, Newman said.

"A toxicology report to determine if a substance killed her usually takes several weeks from an autopsy," Newman said.

There were indications narcotics activity in the home, Newman said.

"There were no visible signs of trauma to the body, and no signs of forced entry into the home. Two subjects were interviewed that were not from Aberdeen. The deceased had lived in Aberdeen for more than 10 years; she had been renting the house from her mother," Goodwin said.

No further information was available late Tuesday.

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meeting and conference space in the future, and moving the bus garage from the high school campus has always been up for discussion.

"It would be one way to get the buses out of the middle of campus," said Middleton.

Another plus in taking over ownership is the fact the building is in good shape and minimal repairs are needed. A broken air conditioning unit and water fountain and repairs to the fence enclosing the parking lot are the only maintenance issues now, said Middleton.

Accepting the property now gives ownership of both Mason County Area Technical Center buildings to the district. The gas pumps located in between the two buildings are owned by the city of Maysville.



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Adam Rankin, of Maysville, cleans up the landscaping at the AMVETS memorial along Kentucky 9 on Tuesday. Rankin plans to put out more blooming flowers later this week.



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Defense begins in pain clinic owner's trial

DOCTOR SAYS PATIENTS WOULD TRAVEL FOR PAIN MEDICATIONS

BRETT BARROUQUERE
Associated Press

LEXINGTON | A doctor who worked for an indicted pain clinic owner testified Tuesday that patients would travel as much as 16 hours to be treated but frequently didn't face scrutiny or background checks before being prescribed potentially addictive medications.

Dr. Robert Marshall of Lafayette, La., testified that it was difficult for doctors at Urgent Care Services to tell whether a patient was being truthful about symptoms and did little to check a patient's reason for making daylong journeys to the clinic. Marshall, who's not charged in the case, said that patients caught lying were discharged, but that catching them could be difficult.

"The problem is that if they're lying to me and I haven't caught it, I don't know," said Marshall, who worked at the Urgent Care Services clinic in Lafayette.

Marshall testified at the trial of 46-year-old Michael Leman of Slidell, La., and two of his businesses, Urgent Care Services of Philadelphia and Urgent Care Services of Cincinnati.

See MEDS, A4

Report criticizes personal care homes in Ky.

RESIDENTS AT 20 FACILITIES SURVEYED

FRANKFORT | A Kentucky watchdog group has criticized personal care homes across the state after a survey of residents showed they feel that they lack a community atmosphere and meaningful activities.

The Courier-Journal and the Lexington Herald-Leader report Kentucky Protection and Advocacy surveyed 218 residents at 20 personal care homes in Kentucky before releasing its findings Monday.

The group's report says residents, who are mostly mentally disabled, aren't able to fully communicate with non-disabled people and feel isolated from the communities where they live.

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MOWING SEASON | With temperatures reaching into the upper 80s Tuesday, many people were out mowing their lawns for the first time this season. This mower was spotted on Circle Drive in Maysville.

Associated Press

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mark over the same period, an 81 percent jump from the three-year period from 2006 through 2008.

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Ohio tops other states in claims for metal theft

Associated Press

MAYSVILLE WATER OUTAGE PLANNED

MAYSVILLE | The Maysville Utility Commission will shut off water Wednesday, March 21 at 7 p.m.

The area affected will include Center Street and Union Street to Valley View.

Water services is expected to be restored at 1 a.m., Thursday. — LI

WINCHESTER DRUG BUST NETS TWO SUSPECTS

WINCHESTER, Ohio | A Winchester woman and Georgetown, Ohio, man have been arrested following an anti-drug investigation in Adams County.

On Monday, Chad Shefield, and Jessilyn Gilman were both arrested by Winchester police officers, and Adams County deputies.

According to police, black tar heroin and rock heroin were purchased from the pair.

The vehicle the couple was in was confiscated and the couple was taken to Adams County jail to await arraignment. — LI

MORE STORM-DAMAGED COUNTIES APPROVED FOR AID

FRANKFORT | Gov. Steve Beshear says the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved aid for seven more Kentucky counties affected by severe storms and tornadoes.

The announcement on Tuesday brings the total number of Kentucky counties eligible for aid to 14. The additional counties to get approved are Ballard, Johnson, Kenton, LaRue, Pendleton, Trimble, and Wolfe.

The federal aid will reimburse county and local governments as they repair public infrastructure and remove debris from deadly storms that moved through the state on Feb. 29 and March 2. — AP

BOY, 10, SAVES SISTER, 6, FROM FIRE AT THEIR HOME

LOUISVILLE | A Louisville boy and his sister are recovering from burns after he ran back into their flaming home to save her.

WAVE-TV reported 6-year-old Trinity Burks was standing near a lamp when she sprayed a liquid protectant on her shoes. Some sprayed on the lamp and it started a fire Sunday night.

Trinity's 10-year-old brother Antoine Burks and their mother Stacey Holloway ran out of the flaming home, but the boy noticed his sister wasn't with them.

Antoine ran back inside and led Trinity out. Both had first- and second-degree burns on their arms and legs. Trinity said a burn on her nose hurt the most.

Antoine said he had to go back and get Trinity because he's her big brother and has to protect her. — AP

CINCINNATI SUPERINTENDENT SALARY TO BE CUT IN HALF

CINCINNATI | The Cincinnati Board of Education says it aims to rehire its superintendent at half her current salary in an effort to close an expected \$43 million budget gap.

The board on Monday approved an agreement that says Superintendent Mary Ronan will retire her \$189,000-per-year job and be rehired for \$99,000 annually through July 2015. The board also approved the layoffs of 40 administrators as it seeks to balance the annual budget that goes into effect mid-year.

Ronan says the layoffs are "painful but necessary" and blames school funding reductions made at the federal, state and local levels.

She says the district has closed schools, eliminated about 1,300 positions and reorganized over the past 10 years but that "other governments have balanced their own budgets on our students' backs." — AP



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Somalis face sex trafficking trial in Nashville

MORE THAN A DOZEN TO BE TRIED

KRISTIN M. HALL
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. | More than a dozen people accused in a sex trafficking ring run by Somali gangs that reached from Minnesota to Tennessee are facing trial in Nashville.

Out of the total 30 who were indicted, 15 are going to trial this week on charges of conspiracy to commit sexual trafficking of children by force, fraud or coercion and charges related to the sexual trafficking of two unidentified juvenile females, which prosecutors say were ages 14 or younger at the time of the offenses.

Jury selection is scheduled to begin on Tuesday and the trial is expected to last about two months.

The indictment, which was originally unsealed in 2010 and amended by a superseding indictment in 2011, says the defendants, many of them from the Somali immigrant communities in Minneapolis and Nashville, were members or associates of three gangs called the Somali Outlaws, the Somali Mafia

and the Lady Outlaws. The gang members are accused of forcing teenage girls into prostitution and operated in St. Paul; Minneapolis; Columbus, Ohio, and Nashville. Four unidentified female victims are listed in the indictment.

The indictment accuses the gangs of finding and recruiting young girls, some also Somali, for the purpose of prostitution in exchange for money and drugs between 2000 and 2010.

The indictment lists instances in which a young Somali girl, identified as Jane Doe (hash) 1, was taken from Minneapolis to Nashville and Columbus to have sex with gang members and others.

The indictment says that another young Somali girl, Jane Doe (hash) 2, was told that using her for prostitution was referred to as a "mission" and other gang members wouldn't be charged to have sex with her. Some of the victims are expected to testify during the trial.

Many of the defendants have remained in federal

custody since their arrests in 2010 and all 15 are represented by separate defense attorneys.

The defendants are Abdifatah Jama Adan, Ahmad Abdulnasir Ahmad, Musse Ahmed Ali, Hassan Ahmed Dahir, Faduma Mohamed Farah, Idris Ibrahim Fahra, Abdullahi Hashi, Fatah Haji Hashi, Abdirahman Abderazak Hersi, Dahir Nor Ibrahim, Abdifatah Bashir Jama, Andrew Kayachith, Fuad Faisal Nur, Yasin Abdirhaman Yusuf and Mohamed Ahmed Amalle.

The trial could involve about two hundred witnesses including many who are being brought down from Minnesota. U.S. District Court Judge William J. Haynes is allowing the defendants to take scheduled Muslim prayer breaks during the proceedings.

Most of the defense attorneys declined to comment before the trial, but some said they expected this to be a complicated trial for both the attorneys and the jurors.

A proposed questionnaire for potential jurors includes questions about opinions about Somalis, immigrants and recent protests over the building

of mosques in Murfreesboro and New York City.

Attorney David Cooper, who is representing Abdullahi Hashi, said the case involves hot-button issues and there was significant news coverage of the indictment and arrests.

His client, who has been in jail since December 2010, maintains his innocence against the accusations, Cooper said.

"It may be difficult to seat a jury in this case," he said.

Along with sex trafficking, the indictment charges some of the defendants with conspiring to obstruct the investigation by lying to a federal grand jury.

It also alleges some stole a motor vehicle, committed burglaries, and engaged in credit card fraud.

Those counts and some of the defendants were separated from the current trial and will be heard in court on a later date.

A Tennessee Bureau of Investigation report last year indicated that human sex trafficking was widespread in the state and better laws and training were needed to address the problem.

Mason County GOP convention held

Staff Report

The registered Republican voters of Mason County met in Mass Convention at the Maysville Rotary Building, in Maysville, on March 3, 2012.

The purpose of the business meeting of the Mason County Republican party was to elect five delegates and five alternates to represent Mason County at the Fourth District Convention and the State Convention and to elect five persons to represent the county on the committees of the Fourth District Convention.

Elected to serve on Fourth District Committees include: Elizabeth Andrews, Committee on Permanent Organization; Doug Hendrickson, Rules Committee; Ruth Chamblin, Credentials Committee; Annette Crawford Walters, Resolutions Committee and C.J. Hunter IV, Nominations Committee.

Mason County Republicans elected as delegates to the Fourth District and State Conventions

include: Scott Poe, Ruth Chamblin, C.J. Hunter, Annette Walters, and Doug Hendrickson. Serving as alternate delegates to the conventions include: George Day, Nancy Hunter, Larry Chamblin, Anne Poe, and Ray Walters.

The Mason County Republican precinct officers following the Mass Convention elected the Mason County Republican officers to serve for the coming four years. Selected to serve in county positions include: C.J. Hunter IV, Chairman; Ray Walters, Vice Chairman; Ruth Chamblin, Secretary and Doug Hendrickson, Treasurer.

The Kentucky Fourth District Convention of the Republican Party will be held in Hebron, on Saturday, April 21. The State GOP Convention will be held in Somerset, on Saturday, June 9. The county, district and state conventions begin the process of selecting the national delegates to represent Kentucky at the Republican National Convention to be held Aug. 27-30 in Tampa, Fla.

SOLDIER DAD MEETS TWINS WHO ARRIVED EARLY

MIDDLESBORO | Army soldier Craig Lewis had planned to take leave and return home to eastern Kentucky for the birth of his twin sons – but they came earlier than expected.

Megan Lewis wasn't due until April 5. She told WYMT-TV that her water broke a month early and it was impossible for her husband to make it to Middlesboro Appalachian Regional Hospital to see Michael and Ezekiel born.

However, Pfc. Lewis was able to get leave and made it home on March 12, just a few days after the boys were born. He

changed his first diaper on the way home from the airport.

Megan Lewis said even though her husband had been deployed for seven months before the babies came, he wasn't a stranger to them.

"They know his voice; they had not heard his voice in so long and that's what I was scared of," she said.

Craig Lewis said the first thing he noticed about his twins was their size – they each weighed in at just more than 5 pounds.

"They are so itty bitty," he said.

Eye to Eye

with David Blandford, M.D.



FARSIGHTED BENEVOLENCE

While the clear, dome-shaped cornea that covers the front of the eye responds well to minor injury and abrasion, scarring and severe disease can take a greater toll. As a result, about 40,000 corneal transplants are performed each year in the United States. This surgery involves removing the central portion of the damaged cornea and replacing it with donor tissue. Thanks to technological advances, the success rate of corneal transplantation is about 95 percent. However, without the generosity of donors, many people with diseased or damaged corneas cannot avail themselves of the opportunity to see again. There is no substitute for human corneal tissue. If you want to save someone's sight, contact an eye bank near you. Are you an eye donor? You

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MEDS

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Leman and the two businesses are charged with conspiracy to distribute controlled substances and conspiracy to launder funds.

An indictment says Leman conspired with several of his employees to prescribe methadone and oxycodone to bogus patients who were working with drug dealers to distribute them in eastern Kentucky.

Authorities say runners would travel from Kentucky to Louisiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio to pick up prescriptions for drugs that would be distributed in areas such as Pike and Floyd counties from 2004 through 2008.

Leman's attorney said previously that the doctors were overprescribing drugs on their own and staff members were making side deals with patients without Leman's involvement.

The clinic CEO and a clinic nurse are awaiting sentencing. Two doctors pleaded guilty and served

four years in prison.

Marshall's testimony came after attorney Glenn Burns, who represents the clinics, told jurors that the clinics were properly run.

"Mr. Leman started this business because he wanted to do it right," Burns said.

Burns asked Marshall about how the clinic functioned and what measures were in place to cut off patients suspected of abusing prescription drugs.

Marshall cited three patients from Kentucky who were dismissed from treatment.

Under questioning from Assistant U.S.

Attorney Roger West, Marshall testified that from 2005, when he started with the clinic in Lafayette, through about 2007, patients faced no questions about their backgrounds.

Marshall also testified that he did not personally check to see if a patient had been kicked out of an-

other Urgent Care facility before prescribing methadone or another powerful drug.

"I rely on my staff to do their jobs, as you do," Marshall said.

"Let's not talk about my staff," West responded. "I think they do a wonderful job."

West asked Marshall about a patient from Prestonsburg, Ky., who drove 16 hours to Lafayette, La., to get pain medication from Urgent Care Services in 2005 and 2006. The patient had been barred from an Urgent Care Services facility in Slidell,

La., in February 2005.

Marshall said he was unaware the patient had been dismissed and understood the man was on a work assignment in Lafayette. Marshall said the man was prescribed methadone to be taken four to five times a day, but that he was being weaned off the medi-

cation because of addiction issues.

West said the patient's file didn't note any addiction issues.

"The documentation is not the best in the world, I admit that," Marshall said.

When the patient was barred from the Lafayette facility, the letter terminating his care was sent to eastern Kentucky. West asked if there had been documentation – such as an address or phone number – to show the man was living in Lafayette temporarily.

"When you go on a trip, do you put the address of the hotel you are staying in?" Marshall asked.

"I'm not a drug trafficker driving 12 hours to pick up medication," West responded.

The manager of multiple pain clinics, Frederick Fuoco of New Orleans, testified that the clinics don't generally take insurance.

"Do you recall the primary method of payment?" West asked.

"There was no insurance. It was cash or credit card," said Fuoco, who made \$175,000 last year as president of Urgent Care Services.

METAL

FROM A3

Thefts are spurred by high prices for copper and other metals in a struggling economy. Thieves cause millions of dollars in losses by ripping away air conditioners, plumbing and cables.

Beginning in August, 2009, thefts steadily increased across the nation

driven, once again, by rising prices for base metals, especially copper," the crime bureau said.

Last week, the Ohio Senate passed a bill to curb such thefts. The bill says dealers cannot buy from anyone who refuses to be photographed and must keep the photographs for 60 days.

In Cincinnati, rules regulating scrap metal sellers are being challenged in court. Owners of two

scrap yards filed the challenge last month, saying their businesses would be harmed by proposals requiring permits, background checks, licensing and additional record-keeping.

The crime bureau says an alert neighborhood is the best way to fight metals thefts.

"Your best protection is simply paying attention. Talk with your neighbors and ask one that you trust

to keep watch on your home if you will be away, and return the favor," the bureau says.

Lt. Charley Stepp of the Greene County Sheriff's Office agreed. "Just be diligent and keep your property locked up," he told the Dayton Daily News.

The bureau notes that comprehensive data is hard to track because some thefts don't result in an insurance claim or even a police report.

PERSONAL CARE

FROM A3

"They wanted to go shopping, to restaurants, to the gym, to church, to the library, go fishing, go

to school, spend time with family and friends, and seek employment."

Kentucky Protection and Advocacy Director Marsha Hockensmith says the report shows the need to "find a better way" to serve those residents. There are 80 such homes across the state.

"Personal care homes fail to integrate persons with disabilities into the social mainstream, fail to promote equality of opportunity, and fail to maximize individual choice," the report said. "They restrict community and integration and interactions with individuals who do not have a disability."

In response, Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities President Ruby Jo Cummins Lubarsky said personal care homes provide services that are valuable and needed.

"These homes are licensed health care facilities regulated by the Office of the Inspector General within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Personal care homes must maintain compliance with state laws and regulations in order to maintain their license to operate in Kentucky," Lubarsky said. "In addition to the regulatory environment that personal care homes operate, these homes receive limited income to meet the needs of the individuals they serve."

She said her group continues to work with state officials to "seek ways to evolve Kentucky's personal care home program."

A majority of those surveyed – 78 percent – said they had a mental illness, while 10 percent reported having an intellectual or

developmental disability and 8 percent had both. The other 4 percent said they did not have a mental disability.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services inspects and licenses personal care homes, and agency spokeswoman Jill Midkiff said there's not an easy solution.

"The issues surrounding residents in personal care homes are complex, and we continue to work to find ways to meet the needs of these vulnerable citizens," she said.

Jack Simpson operates five personal care homes in western Kentucky and says the facilities may appear like institutions, but they provide quality care at a reasonable price.

"It's basic math and it serves the state better than any other program they've got," Simpson said.

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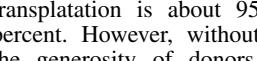
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Could a U.S. Demjanjuk grave become neo-Nazi shrine?

THOMAS J. SHEERAN
Associated Press

CLEVELAND | If relatives of convicted Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk get what they want, their patriarch will be buried in suburban Cleveland — a prospect not sitting well with Jewish advocates who argue the retired autoworker could, in death, become a magnet for neo-Nazis.

Demjanjuk died Saturday in Germany at age 91, and his family in Seven Hills, Ohio, wants to return his body for burial. Even though his U.S. citizenship had been revoked and he was deported, there is no prohibition against returning the body to this country, the U.S. attorney's office in Cleveland said.

Munich state court spokeswoman Margarete Noetzel said Tuesday that under German law, because Demjanjuk died before his final appeal could be heard and because a person is presumed innocent until proven guilty, he is still technically presumed innocent.

But, she said, that doesn't mean the conviction is somehow wiped from the record. "The verdict exists — it is not voided. It was pronounced and based in fact."

A Demjanjuk funeral in his adopted hometown would turn into a spectacle, said Efraim Zuroff, who leads the Nazi-hunting Simon Wiesenthal Center in Jerusalem.

"I have no doubt that a funeral in Seven Hills would turn into a demonstration of solidarity and support for Demjanjuk, who's the last person on earth who deserves any sympathy, frankly," Zuroff said in a telephone interview.

Demjanjuk had guarded his privacy carefully, posting a "no trespassing" sign outside his house and turning aside interview re-

quests over the decades.

His attorney appealed Monday to German authorities to arrange for his body to be sent home to Ohio, and son John Demjanjuk Jr. confirmed that, but there was no word on any arrangements or whether a funeral might be done in secret.

John Demjanjuk Jr. said in an email Tuesday that any suggestion of his father's burial or gravesite turning into a spectacle was unwarranted.

"Over the past 35 plus years our family has had NO association with any part of the neo-Nazi groups, ever. We have condemned Nazi crimes as my father is himself a victim of the Nazis regardless of whose version of the case you believe," he said.

Demjanjuk's attorney, Ulrich Busch, said in an email Monday night that a focus on his client overlooked the role of Germany in war crimes.

"It is a fact that the media knows who the true murderers of Sobibor are, namely the Germans. It is not understandable why the media keeps silent about them and their non-conviction," he said.

The Ukraine-born Demjanjuk was a retired U.S. autoworker who maintained over three decades of legal battles that he had been mistaken for someone else.

He came to the U.S. on Feb. 9, 1952, claiming to have spent much of World War II in a German prisoner of war camp. He eventually settled in the middle-class Cleveland suburb of Seven Hills and worked as a mechanic at Ford Motor Co.'s engine plant in nearby Brook Park.

That idyll ended in 1977, when the Justice Department alleged that he had hid his past as the feared Treblinka death camp guard "Ivan the Terrible" and revoked his citizen-

ship. The Israeli Supreme Court returned him to the U.S. after it received evidence that another Ukrainian, not Demjanjuk, was Ivan the Terrible.

Eventually, after many legal twists and turns, Demjanjuk was convicted in May of 28,060 counts of being an accessory to murder at the Sobibor death camp in occupied Poland and sentenced to five years in prison. He died in a nursing home while awaiting appeal.

A U.S. burial site for Demjanjuk could become a shrine for neo-Nazis in the U.S. because they will never forget he was once misidentified as Ivan the Terrible, said Mark Potok, senior fellow at the Southern Poverty Law Center, noting that there are about 170 active neo-Nazi groups in the U.S.

"For neo-Nazis, I think it's entirely possible that a Demjanjuk grave becomes a monument to the alleged evils of the Jews," Potok said.

In Germany, the bones of Rudolf Hess, a deputy to Adolf Hitler, were exhumed under cover of darkness, burned and secretly scattered at sea after his grave became a shrine for thousands of neo-Nazis.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder of the Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, said Demjanjuk didn't have the stature that would attract adoring neo-Nazis to his

grave.

"He's not an Adolf Hitler," Hier said.

Any hometown burial arrangements likely would be at Demjanjuk's long-time church, St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in nearby Parma. Parishioners and the wider Ukrainian-American community had been a protective cocoon of support for Demjanjuk for decades.

The church signaled Sunday that it was holding out hope his name might be cleared. Just as Demjanjuk's conviction as Ivan the Terrible had been overturned, "so, too, in time, we believe that new evidence will be uncovered once again finding him innocent of the latest accusations," the cathedral said in a statement.

"Our parish and the Ukrainian community have always supported Mr. Demjanjuk and his claim of innocence of committing the crimes of which he was accused," the cathedral statement said. There was no mention of burial plans.

The U.S. Department of Justice, whose Nazi-hunting office directed the

pursuit of Demjanjuk in the U.S., declined to comment Monday on the burial issue.

A U.S. State Department spokeswoman, Victoria Nuland, said the U.S. Consulate General in Munich "is providing consular assistance to Mr. Demjanjuk's family in the United States." There was no elaboration, but such help could include repatriation of remains.

Hier said it might be hard to find a cemetery that would accept Demjanjuk.

"If it were me or my family, I wouldn't want to have anyone buried near a Nazi war criminal," he said. "They are a disgrace to mankind."



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JOHN DEMJANJUK JR.

DEATHS LOCALLY



MRS. STAMBAUGH

COVINGTON | Mildred Tuel Stambaugh, 93, formerly of Mason County, and later Ryland Heights, Covington, died in Indianapolis, Ind., on March 12, 2012. Mrs. Stambaugh had resided in Indianapolis with her daughter and son-in-law since December 2007.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1991.

Mildred was a member of the Taylor Mill Seventh-Day Adventist Church for over 45 years. She retired from Duro Paper Bag Factory in 1984. Mildred was a beautiful Christian who shared the love of God with everyone she knew.

She was born in May's Lick, the first child of John and Glenn (Thompson) Tuel on April 22, 1918. She was reared with her three sisters, Allene, Louise and Christine; and her brother, Duane. Another brother, James Clifton, died around 1922.

She married Ernest Shannon Stambaugh in 1938. Born to this union were three sons and one daughter, William, Ernest Larry, Allen and Glenda. She is survived by her

three sons, William Y. (Debby) of DeMossville, Ernest Larry (Pauline) of Florence, and Allen Ray (Linda) of Edgewood; her daughter, Glenda Joyce Pyle Smith (Mike) of Avon (Indianapolis), Ind.; two sisters, Allene Tuel of Ripley, Ohio, and Christine Shugars-Schmidt of Maysville; and her brother, Duane Tuel (Samira) of Richmond; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Her sister Louise Hinson, preceded her in death in 1993.

Services were held at Allison and Rose Funeral Home, Taylor Mill, on Saturday, March 17, 2012, with burial in Shannon Cemetery in Mason County.

MRS. WAGNER

AUGUSTA | Elaine Colemire Wagner, 37, died Thursday, March 15, 2012.

She was born on Feb. 28, 1975 to Donna Whitehead and Scotty Colemire.

She is survived by two sons, Zachary and Cody Wagner of Taylor Mill; a brother, Christopher Colemire; maternal grandparents, Raymond and Eva Whitehead of Augusta; and paternal grandfather, Robbie Jay Colemire of Foster.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Gladys Colemire.

A memorial service will be Saturday, March 24, at Augusta Church of the Nazarene at 1 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to mooreandparkerfh.com.

FUNERAL SERVICES

TODAY

Virginia Butler

Blevins — 11 a.m., Bethel Community Church, Garison.

Larry "Joe" Clinger

— Noon, Wilson Home for Funerals, Manchester,

Ohio.

Alva Knechly —

1 p.m., Lafferty Funeral Home, West Union, Ohio.

Betty Rae Nickeson —

11 a.m., Moore and Parker Funeral Home, Brooks-ville.

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Fleming County home to two roadside markets

Fleming County is home to two of the 106 markets across the commonwealth recently accepted into the 2012 Kentucky Farm Bureau Certified Roadside Farm Market Program. The Fleming County members are: Hutton-Loyd Tree Farm and McLean's Aero-fresh Fruit.

In joining the Kentucky Farm Bureau Certified Roadside Farm Market Program, these markets have committed to offering quality products and service to their customers. Their acceptance by Farm

Bureau tells customers that they meet the highest standards of quality, freshness, and marketing appeal.

Hutton-Loyd Tree Farm offers both wholesale and retail nursery products and a membership fishing club year round. During the Christmas holidays Hutton-Loyd's "cut and choose" Christmas tree operation is open for business, offering the area's freshest holiday decorations and their farm-fresh value added products; Elderberry Jelly etc. at their farm market at 1483 Big

Run Road in Wallingford. For more information on Hutton-Loyd Tree Farm call 606-876-3423 or visit their website at hl-treefarm.com.

McLean's Aerofresh Fruit offers a wide variety of seasonal fruits and vegetables from July to November at their market on Ewing Road in Ewing. In the fall McLean's also offers orchard tours and family fun activities at the orchard. For more information on McLean's Aerofresh Fruit call 606-782-1112 or email [mlmclean55@yahoo.com](mailto:mlmclean55@ yahoo.com).

"The Certified Roadside Farm Market Program was established to help our farmers generate local interest in the wide array of products they produce on the family farm," said Mark Haney, president of Kentucky Farm Bureau. "Along with promotional efforts designed to attract consumers, the program also partners with farm market owners to educate the public about the importance of locally grown and produced products."

Brochures that list all

of the Certified Roadside Farm Markets across the state are available at Kentucky welcome centers, state resort parks, local chambers of commerce/tourism centers and county Farm Bureau offices. Consumers can also go to the 2012 Certified Roadside Farm Market website — kyfb.com/roadside — for a complete list of markets. To learn more about the Kentucky Farm Bureau Certified Roadside Farm Market Program, e-mail roadside@kyfb.com or visit kyfb.com/roadside.

WALL STREET

WORRY ABOUT CHINESE DEMAND DRIVES U.S. STOCKS LOWER

Stocks sank Tuesday on Wall Street after two reports suggested an economic slowdown in China, where blistering growth over the past three years has helped sustain the global economic recovery.

Home prices dropped in 45 Chinese cities last month, a result of government policies designed to reduce property speculation. And BHP Billiton, a world leader in mining, said it expects weaker Chinese demand for iron ore, used in steelmaking.

In the United States, stocks recovered some of their early loss but still appeared headed for their worst performance in two weeks.

Just before 3 p.m. EDT, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 53 points at 13,189. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down four points at 1,406. The Nasdaq composite index was down eight at 3,070.

Brian Gendreau, a market strategist at the brokerage Cetera Financial Group, said traders were concerned about slower growth in India and Brazil as well. That could restrain a rally that has driven the S&P up almost 12 percent this year.

"If there were skeptics out there that the market might have gotten a little ahead of itself, this was all the news they needed," Gendreau said.

Caterpillar, the maker of heavy equipment, led the Dow lower, sliding 2.9 percent after it said global sales are growing more slowly. Bank of America, by far the most heavily traded stock, led the Dow higher with a 1.7 percent gain.

Mining companies, which rely on rising demand from the developing world, plunged. Peabody Energy fell 5 percent, Cliffs Natural Resources 3 percent and U.S. Steel 2 percent. Energy companies were the worst-performing group in the S&P 500.

Yields for U.S. government debt fell slightly after rising for nine consecutive days. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note dropped to 2.33 percent, from 2.36 late Monday, but had recovered to 2.36 percent later Tuesday.

The dollar rose against the euro. Traders tend to buy what they consider safer currencies, such as the dollar, when they are worried about the global economy. The euro fell to \$1.3218 from \$1.3238 late Monday.

The U.S. Commerce Department released a mixed report on the housing market. Builders broke ground on fewer homes in February, though they obtained more permits to build homes later in the year.

Gendreau said the report's impact on trading was mild because most housing data in recent months have signaled a modest revival for the industry. — AP

First State bankers meet with policy makers

First State Bank's Mike Pell and Tim Grooms recently returned from Washington, D.C., where they met with legislators and regulators to discuss how recent banking proposals have impacted Ohio.

Pell and Grooms were two of 55 bankers who visited the nation's capital to voice the concerns of the

financial services industry on behalf of the Ohio Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association.

Pell and Grooms visited the offices of Congresswoman Jean Schmidt, Congressman Michael Turner, and Senator Rob Portman, as well as regulators including the FDIC, Federal Reserve, and Con-

sumer Financial Protection Bureau to discuss the local economy as well as banking issues that can impact our local communities.

"Traditional banking is the engine that will drive our communities across Ohio into a strong economic future," Pell said. "This was my opportunity to influence policy deci-

sions made in Washington and also gather information that can help us meet the challenges we face locally."

More than 1,500 bankers visit Washington annually as part of the Washington Visit Program. The state bankers associations, in conjunction with the ABA, schedule briefings with the federal financial services regulatory agencies and

visit the state's congressional delegation to educate them on issues before Congress that will impact the banking industry.

First State Bank is a privately owned financial institution with eight offices in Adams County and Brown County, Ohio. First State has assets of \$240 million and over 70 full time employees.

Gov't requires new labels for hazardous chemicals

SAM HANANEL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON | The Obama administration announced long-awaited

regulations Tuesday to improve labels on hazardous chemicals and make them conform with international guidelines developed by the United Nations.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration estimated that such labels could prevent more than 40 deaths and about 500 workplace injuries and illnesses from exposure to hazardous chemicals each year.

Assistant Labor Secretary David Michaels said labels will be easier to understand and less confusing, especially for low-literacy workers. About 43 million U.S. workers come in contact with hazardous

materials on the job.

The process of developing the rules began during the Bush administration, and the rules were initially proposed more than two years ago. The Obama administration is holding them out as a product of a presidential directive last year to streamline burdensome agency regulations and eliminate red tape.

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Kentucky players share the wealth on offense

COLIN FLY
Associated Press

LEXINGTON | Every player in Kentucky's seven-man rotation has led the Wildcats in scoring this season.

Their balance forces opponents to pick which player to try and stop and who to make beat them.

Kentucky coach John Calipari has a pretty good idea what counterpart Tom Crean will try when Indiana (27-8) meets the Wildcats (34-2) on Friday in the South Regional semifinals in Atlanta. He thinks the Hoosiers plan will force point guard Marquis Teague and forward Michael Kidd-Gilchrist to carry the offense.

"What Indiana is going to do is they are going to back off of Teague and back off of Michael Kidd-Gilchrist. The only issue is it's dangerous because we've all seen those guys have big games," Calipari said Tuesday. "What you're hoping is well let's hope that they're not making shots. That's what I think that they would do."

The Hoosiers are one of two teams to topple the Wildcats, but the two freshmen had strong performances in Indiana's thrilling 73-72 win on Dec. 10. Kidd-Gilchrist had 18 points and nine rebounds; Teague 15 points and five assists.

"That was so far, that was like a season ago, literally, four months ago. That was so long ago I had to watch the tape to remember anything," Calipari said. "But (Indiana) played well. One thing about it, we're better, but so are they."

"Both teams are way better than they were then."

Teague became the seventh player to be the team's leading scorer in his last game to help Kentucky reach the round of 16. He put together the best scoring night of his career with 24 points in an 87-71 victory over Iowa State on Saturday night.

See BALANCE, A9



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kentucky guard Darius Miller (1) reacts in the second half of the Wildcats' 87-71 defeat of Iowa State in NCAA tournament play in Louisville on Saturday.

FLEMING COUNTY 8, MASON COUNTY 7

Panthers use walk-off walk to beat Royals

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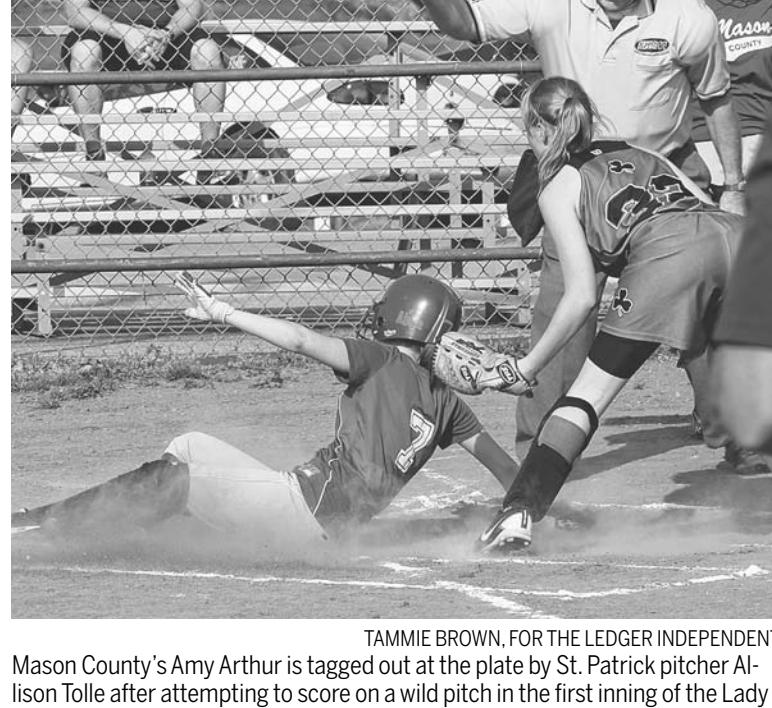
FLEMINGSBURG | Both Mason County and Fleming County played about like it was the second game of the season in their meeting on Tuesday. And since the host Panthers had the last at-bat, they had the last chance to make something happen, and they took advantage of the final Royals miscue as Desmond McAdams drew a bases-loaded eighth-inning walk to score Brett

Fawns and walk off with an 8-7 victory.

Fleming sophomore Taylor Muse earned his first varsity win in relief, working the final three innings. McAdams had a game-high two RBI, Fawns scored three runs and Brady Saunders was 2-for-4 as the Panthers (1-1) won their home opener. For Mason (1-1), Lukas Greenhill was 2-for-4 and

See PANTHERS, A8

MASON COUNTY 10, ST. PATRICK 0



TAMMIE BROWN, FOR THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT
Mason County's Amy Arthur is tagged out at the plate by St. Patrick pitcher Alison Tolle after attempting to score on a wild pitch in the first inning of the Lady Royals' 10-0 win on Tuesday evening. Tolle took the toss from catcher Jessica Fowler.

Lady Royals fire blanks to beat St. Patrick

GREENHILL PITCHES MASON TO VICTORY

CHUCK HAMILTON
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The crosstown Mason County-St. Patrick rivalry resumed on the softball field in front of a sun-splashed crowd at the Maysville-Mason County Recreation Park on Tuesday afternoon and the more experienced Lady Royals prevailed 10-0.

Mason senior pitcher Karissa

Greenhill limited the Lady Saints to three singles in her route-going performance that was limited to five innings due to the 10-run rule.

Greenhill displayed superb control on the unseasonably warm day by not issuing a base on balls and striking out three.

See MASON, A8

See ALL-AREA, A9

LEDGER INDEPENDENT OHIO GIRLS ALL-AREA TEAM

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COACH OF THE YEAR: Bernie Cropper, Georgetown

FIRST TEAM: Prine; Niya Royal, Ripley; Hannah Rideout, Manchester; Sidney Pell, Peebles; Casey Carter, Georgetown; Jesse Kidwell, Georgetown; Baylee Wallace, Peebles; Andrea Tracy, Eastern Brown

HONORABLE MENTION: Natasha Barr, West Union;

Jessica Garrison, Ripley; Lydia Hamilton, Ripley; Madison Pack, Georgetown; Jaycee Cox, West Union; Lexie Doddridge, Peebles; Haylee Adams, Manchester

ALL-AREA TEAMS TO COME: Thursday, Ohio boys;

Friday, Kentucky girls; Saturday, Kentucky boys

FOUR LOCALS ON OHIO AP ALL-STATE TEAMS

Four local players were selected for the Associated Press all-Ohio boys' teams, which was announced Monday night. Manchester's Travis Combs was voted to the Division IV second team. The 6-foot-4 senior scored 20.4 points per game (ppg).

In Division III, Eastern Brown's Chase Lawson and Jordan Payne and Peebles' Trent Arey were honorable mention selections. — LI

POLAR BEARS PUSH PAST ST. PATRICK 14-6

BROOKSVILLE | Bracken County put together a five-run third inning Tuesday night to down St. Patrick 14-6 and improve to 2-0 on the year.

With the score tied 4-all heading into the bottom of the third, Bracken's Phillip Jefferson and Connor Rigg drove in back-to-back runs and scored on Josh Cummings' two-run single before an out was recorded.

Cummins plated the fifth run of the inning when Eli Florer was caught in a rundown attempting to steal second. The Polar Bears added four insurance runs in the fourth and one in the sixth to pick up the win.

Travis Bishop got the win on the hill, scattering eight hits over 5 1-3 innings. Zach Williams and Jacob Houston were 3-for-5 with an RBI each to lead Bracken's 15-hit effort. Patton Kern was 3-for-4 with an RBI for the Saints. Jon Litzinger took the loss, going three innings and giving up 12 hits. — LI

LATE MONDAY: KENTUCKY WOMEN RALLY PAST GREEN BAY 65-62

AMES, Iowa | Keyla Snowden hit a jumper and two free throws in the final 18 seconds, and second-seeded Kentucky held off Green Bay 65-62 Monday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Samarie Walker had 15 points and 13 rebounds and Snowden added 13 points for the Wildcats (27-6), who will face Gonzaga in the regional semifinals in Kingston, R.I.

Kentucky opened the game with a 21-6 run, then rallied after Green Bay erased a 17-point deficit and took a 62-61 lead with 1:57 left.

Snowden responded with a short jumper that rolled in after sitting on the rim, and Adrian Ritchie air-balled a 3-pointer with a second left.

Julie Wojta and Sarah Eichler each scored 16 points for Green Bay (31-2), which forced 34 turnovers. — AP

MANNING: HAPPY TO BE TEBOW'S TEAMMATE

DENVER | New Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning says he'd be happy to be Tim Tebow's teammate, "but if other opportunities are presented to him, I'm going to wish him the best."

Manning's arrival as the new quarterback in Denver, made official Tuesday, has put Tebow's status in limbo. Manning was asked if he discussed Tebow's future with the team while he was negotiating to join the Broncos.

He says those aren't his decisions and that "those conversations never came up."

But, the quarterback said: "I know what kind of player Tim Tebow is, what kind of person he is, what an awesome year it was. If Tim Tebow is here, I'm going to be the best teammate. If other opportunities are presented to him, I'm going to wish him the best." — AP

MILLWOOD PITCHES 5 INNINGS, MARINERS BEAT REDS 8-1

GOODYEAR, Ariz. | Kevin Millwood pitched five strong innings on Tuesday, leading the Seattle Mariners to an 8-1 win over the Cincinnati Reds.

Millwood pitched for the Red Sox, Yankees and Rockies last season.

The 37-year-old is competing for the fifth spot in the Mariners rotation with Hisashi Iwakuma. — AP

PANTHERS

FROM A7

Logan Brown went 2-for-5. Brown and Aaron Scilley each scored two runs, and Connor Osborne drew four walks, one intentional. The Royals turned a triple play in the fourth inning.

The sloppy extra-inning game featured nine errors, 18 walks — two of them intentional — and numerous baserunning miscues and rundownns, taking about three hours to complete.

Panthers coach Blake Price will take the win anyway.

"I think we won in spite of ourselves," he said bemusedly. "Baserunning errors, you can't bunt and we don't throw the ball worth a crap, but you figure out a way to win, and we did that."

Mason forced extra innings when Brown scored on a passed ball in the top of the sixth inning to tie the game at 7. The Royals loaded the bases in the eighth inning with two outs when Nathan

Cracraft got hit by a Muse pitch, but the young hurler fanned Greenhill looking to leave the bases loaded.

"We got some key outs at key times," Price said. "We had things happen, dropping popups, should be out of the inning, and then (Muse) battles back and gets himself out of the inning."

The Panthers earned the win in the bottom of the frame without the benefit of a hit or even so much as a productive out. Fawns was hit by Cracraft's offering to lead off, then took second on a pitch that skipped to the backstop.

Scilley robbed Travis Taylor of a hit, but Ryan Monroe worked a walk and Heath Burnett reached on an error to load the bases for McAdams, who walked to plate Fawns and end the wild contest.

"It was basically just a situation where you get up there and be patient and make the pitcher work, and we did that," Price said. "You take 'em any way you can get 'em. That's not the prettiest way to win a ballgame, but a lot of times they don't

look back and ask how you won it, just whether you won it."

The Royals, who were coming off an 8-4 win in their opener at Newport one day earlier, were again effective at times offensively.

"We're hitting the ball a little bit better," first-year coach Tom Posey said. "It's still a youth thing for us right now because we're not loaded down with seniors like a lot of teams that we're gonna play, but we've just gotta take this experience and learn from it."

Fleming scored the game's first run in the second inning when Cole Clark singled in McAdams. The Royals scored the next three runs in the next half-inning as Scilley scored on a passed ball and Brown and Osborne came home on Daulton Mason's fielder's choice.

The Panthers tied it in the bottom of the third. After McAdams' single to plate Fawns, Nick Johnson was hit by a pitch to force in courtesy runner Austin Hunt.

Mason rejoined with

the next three runs. Derek Moore's walk scored Greenhill, and courtesy runner Ryan Johnson and Scilley crossed the dish on a Brown fielder's choice and Panthers error for a 6-3 Mason lead.

Fleming went back ahead with four runs in the fourth. Cody Stewart scored off an error on Taylor's grounder, Burnett walked to force in Fawns and Taylor and Monroe scored on a Royals error on McAdams' grounder.

The two squads' return engagement is April 19 in Maysville.

Both teams play again Thursday at home. The Panthers host West Carter, and the Royals face Harrison County.

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Fleming County 012 400 01 - 8 6 3

WP: Muse, LP: Cracraft.

Hitting leaders: MC -- Brown 2-5, 2R;

Greenhill 2-4, R, BB, SB; Scilley 1-2, 2R, 2 BB; Moore 2 BB, RBI; Osborne R, 4 BB, SB; Mason 1-4, 2B, BB; Taylor 1-5, SB; Johnson R; Sapp BB.

FC: Saunders 2-4; McAdams 1-3, 2RBI, R, 2 BB; Fawns 1-1, 3R, 2 BB;

Clark 1-4, RBI, 2B, 2 SB; Monroe 1-3, R, 2 BB; Burnett RBI, BB; Johnson RBI; Stewart R, SB; Taylor R; Hunt R; Guley SB.

Records: Mason County 1-1, Fleming County 1-1.

MASON

FROM A7

"Karissa pitched very well today and Abby Huff did a great job behind the plate," said Lady Royals coach Meredith Fraysure. "Our defense was kinda dicey in the first inning but we buckled down after that. We're continuing to work on a lot of things but we made solid contact at the plate and our bench came in and produced in the field and at the plate. We were trying to adjust at the plate and trying to walk the fine line between being too aggressive and not swinging at pitches out of the strike zone."

Fraysure inserted Huff at catcher because senior catcher Cara Irwin is still nursing an injury she suffered in Mason's

18-10 opening game win against Bath County on March 7. Usually the Lady Royals center fielder, the left-handed Huff filled in admirably behind the plate and she also came through offensively, scoring three runs and driving in a pair of runs on a walk and a single.

After both teams showed some jitters in the first inning by squandering opportunities to score with baserunning mistakes, Mason broke through with five runs in the second inning, added three in the fourth and put two on the board in the fifth.

St. Patrick senior pitcher Allison Tolle struggled to find the strike zone, walking three in the first inning but escaping unscathed after Mason's Amy Arthur was tagged out at the plate after attempting to score on a wild pitch. However, in the second frame, the

Lady Royals sent 10 hitters to the plate and scored five times before Lauren Welch came in to pitch for the Lady Saints and retired the final two batters.

Tolle and Welch are both brand new to pitching and St. Patrick coach Bobby Withrow realizes there will be some growing pains.

"We have a lot of very young and inexperienced players and every time we get on the field, we're learning," Withrow said. "I am proud of the girls, they don't ever give up and as long as I'm coaching them, they won't give up. We'll be fine down the road, we're hitting the ball and we're also playing decent defense."

The Lady Saints did make nearly all the plays in the field and senior shortstop Allison McKay turned in the defensive gem of the game with a running catch in short left field in the fifth inning.

McKay also led St. Patrick at the plate, singling in both of her at-bats. Jessica Fowler had the other Lady Saints base hit, with a line drive single to right field in the fifth.

The Mason third inning really began with one out when Caitlin Ross was hit by a Tolle pitch. Tolle loaded the bases with back-to-back walks to Taylor Douglas and Greenhill before Arthur's infield hit plated the first run. Huff drew a base on balls to score the second run and senior first baseman Leigh Newdigate emptied the bases with a

double to deep center field.

Welch retired the first two Mason hitters in the third before running into trouble. Consecutive walks to Greenhill and Arthur preceded Huff's base hit to left-center that plated Greenhill and after a walk to Newdigate, senior Bethany Foister delivered a two-run single to center field.

The 10-run rule was invoked after the Lady Royals tacked on a pair of runs in the fifth. Huff and freshman pinch-hitter Ashley Batey drew walks to begin the frame. Huff swiped second base and came in to score when the catcher's throw to thwart her attempted steal of third got away. Batey was plated for the final Mason run on a single to left field from sophomore shortstop Jessica Hay.

The Lady Royals travel to Carlisle to play Nicholas County on Thursday and the Lady Saints are scheduled to meet Newport Central Catholic at home in a doubleheader on Friday.

Mason County 053 02 10 4 3
St. Patrick 000 00 0 3 2

WP: Greenhill, LP: Tolle.

Hitting leaders: MC (Arthur 2R;

Huff 1-2, 3R, 2RBI; Newdigate 1-1,

2B, 3RBI; Foister 1-1, 2RBI; Hay 1-3,

R, 2 BB; Burnett RBI, BB; Johnson

RBI; Stewart R, SB; Taylor R; Hunt R; Guley SB.

Records: Mason County 2-0, St. Patrick 0-3.

Knaus.

Chief appellate officer John Middlebrook ruled Tuesday that Knaus and car chief Ron Malec, who also was suspended six races, instead will be on probation through May 9.

The \$100,000 fine levied by NASCAR stands.

Last week a three-member appeals committee had upheld the suspensions imposed after the car Knaus presented on opening day of the Daytona 500 failed inspection. NASCAR said the sheet metal between the roof and the side windows had been illegally modified on Jimmie Johnson's car.

Johnson also was docked 25 points, which now will be restored.

Middlebrook retired in 2008 after 49 years with General Motors, and is paid \$1 a year by NASCAR to be the chief appellate officer. — AP

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PREP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

SOFTBALL

Rowan County at Lewis County

Bracken County Newport Central

Catholic
(All games begin at 5:30 p.m. and are subject to change)

SPORTS ON TV

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

1 P.M.

ESPN — Spring training, N.Y. Yankees vs. Tampa Bay, at Port Charlotte, Fla.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 P.M.

ESPN2 — NIT quarterfinal, Middle Tennessee vs. Minnesota

9 P.M.
ESPN2 — NIT quarterfinal, Nevada vs. Stanford

NBA

7 P.M.
ESPN — New York at Philadelphia

9:30 P.M.

ESPN2 — L.A. Lakers at Dallas

NHL

7:30 P.M.
NBCSN — Detroit at N.Y. Rangers

SPRINT CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Time	Winner	6/30	Kentucky	6:30 p.m.	TNT
2/26	Daytona		Matt Kenseth	7/7	Daytona	6:30 p.m.	TNT
3/4	Phoenix		Denny Hamlin	7/15	Loudon	noon	TNT
3/11	Las Vegas		Tony Stewart	7/29	Indianapolis	noon	ESPN
3/18	Bristol		Brad Keselowski	8/5	Pocono	noon	ESPN
Date	Location	Time	TV	8/12	Watkins Glen	noon	ESPN
3/25	Fontana	2:30 p.m.	FOX	8/19	Michigan	noon	ESPN
4/1	Martinsville	12:30 p.m.	FOX	8/25	Bristol	7 p.m.	ABC
4/14	Texas	7 p.m.	FOX	9/2	Atlanta	6:30 p.m.	ESPN
4/22	Kansas	12:30 p.m.	FOX	9/8	Richmond	7 p.m.	ABC
4/28	Richmond	7 p.m.	FOX	9/16	Chicago	1 p.m.	ABC
5/6	Talladega	noon	FOX	9/23	Loudon	1 p.m.	ESPN
5/12	Darlington	6:30 p.m.	FOX	9/30	Dover	1 p.m.	ESPN
5/19	All-Star Race		Speed	10/7	Talladega	1 p.m.	ESPN
5/27	Charlotte	5:30 p.m.	FOX	10/21	Kansas	1 p.m.	ESPN
6/3	Dover	12:30 p.m.	FOX	10/28	Martinsville	1 p.m.	ESPN
6/10	Pocono	noon	TNT	11/4	Texas	2 p.m.	ESPN
6/17	Michigan	noon	TNT	11/11	Phoenix	2 p.m.	ESPN
6/24	Sonoma	2 p.m.	TNT	11/18	Homestead	2 p.m.	ESPN

THIS DAY IN SPORTS

MARCH 21

- 1893 — The first women's collegiate basketball game is played at Smith College in Northampton, Mass. In this game, each basket is worth 1 point and the freshman class beats the sophomore class 5-4. The game takes place behind locked doors and men are prohibited from watching.
- 1941 — Joe Louis knocks out Abe Simon in the 13th round at Olympia Stadium in Detroit to retain the world heavyweight title.
- 1945 — George Mikan of DePaul scores 53 points in the semifinals of the National Invitation Tournament. Mikan matches Rhode Island in offensive output and his teammates add another 44 for a final score of 97-53.
- 1953 — Rookie Bob Cousy sets an NBA record with 50 points and leads the Boston Celtics to a 111-105 victory over the Syracuse Nationals in a quadruple overtime playoff game. Cousy scores 30 of his points from the foul line.
- 1959 — California edges West Virginia 71-70 for the NCAA basketball championship. Jerry West scores 28 points for West Virginia.
- 1959 — Oscar Robertson scores the first triple-double in Final Four history, tallying 39 points, 17 rebounds and 10 assists in Cincinnati's 98-85 win over Louisville in the third-place game.
- 1964 — UCLA caps a 30-0 season with a 98-83 victory over Duke in the NCAA basketball championship. UCLA is the third team to go undefeated and win the title. The victory gives coach John Wooden the first of 10 NCAA tournament championships.
- 1970 — Curtis Rose scores 19 points and Sidney Wicks adds 17 points and grabs 18 rebounds to lead UCLA to an 80-69 victory over Jacksonville for its fourth consecutive NCAA basketball championship. Jacksonville ends the season with a scoring average of 100.4 points per game, the first team to average more than 100 points per game in a college basketball season.
- 1973 — Frank Mahovlich scores his 500th goal as the Montreal Canadiens beat the Vancouver Canucks 3-2.
- 1984 — Glenn Anderson of Edmonton scores his 50th goal of the season and helps the Oilers beat the Hartford Whalers 5-3. The Oilers become the first NHL team to have three 50-goal scorers in one season.

Xavier, Cincinnati get past brawl, into Sweet 16

JOE KAY
Associated Press

CINCINNATI | Punches flew. Blood dripped on the court. Two proud basketball programs saw their reputations stained in mere seconds last December, when Cincinnati and Xavier players lost their cool at the end of their game.

The moment would follow them everywhere for the next three months. The video was played countless times. The questions kept coming.

Finally, that's changing. By reaching the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament together, the cross-town rivals have finally gotten beyond the brawl.

"It's a good thing both teams are doing well now," Xavier point guard Tu Holloway said on Tuesday.

Far better than anyone expected three months ago, when four players from each team were suspended for the melee at the end of Xavier's 23-point win on its home court on Dec. 10. It became a national talking point and a turning point for both teams.

Both teams have gotten past the fallout and made it deep into tournament time. Cincinnati (26-10) plays Ohio State (29-7) in Boston on Thursday in a regional semifinal. Xavier (23-12) plays Baylor (29-7) in Atlanta on Friday.

The only time they

think about the fight

now is when it invariably comes up during interviews before NCAA tournament games. They don't mind the question as much as the implication in some of them.

"After a win, they try to make it out as if we didn't have that fight, we wouldn't be where we are now, that the reason we're playing so good is because of that," Cincinnati power forward Yancy Gates said on Tuesday. "Where really, the reason we're playing good is just that we're playing good now, we figured it out. I think that's what makes it so annoying."

Fair or not, the fight became the lens through

which the rest of their seasons would be viewed.

Xavier was 8-0 and ranked No. 8 when Holloway, guard Mark Lyons and forward Dez Wells were among those suspended, costing the Musketeers their top three scorers and knocking everything out of sorts. They lost five of their next six games and had a tough time regaining their confidence and chemistry.

Plus, they seemed to be affected by the national attention, losing the toughness that Holloway and Lyons had bragged about after the Cincinnati game.

For the first time in six years, the Musketeers failed to win at least a

share of the Atlantic 10 regular-season title. When they got to the A-10 tournament, they knew they had to win some games to keep playing.

Xavier reached the A-10 final in Atlantic City, then knocked off Notre Dame and Lehigh in the NCAA tournament to reach the round of 16 for the fourth time in five years.

They're back in a familiar place, with their confidence restored.

"We played so free in Atlantic City because we knew we had so much against us," Holloway said. "We knew if we lost our opening game, we'd be in the NIT. We play free with our backs against the wall. We just started

clicking."

By contrast, Cincinnati felt backed against a wall after the Dec. 10 loss, which left the Bearcats 8-3 and depleted on the front line. Gates and center Cheikh Mbodj received six-game suspensions, forcing coach Mick Cronin to turn to a four-guard offense.

Also, he stressed that the Bearcats had to become much tougher on defense. And, they had no margin for error left if they wanted to have a successful season.

"If we didn't do it, we were dead in the water," Cronin said on Tuesday. "We were in must-win games since Dec. 14 at Wright State."

BALANCE

FROM A7

"He was the main part of us winning," senior Darius Miller said. "He did a great job. He was even talking to us, being vocal, talking to us about what we needed to do. He was putting guys in great places on the floor and just being a great floor general."

Kentucky has been sharing the wealth offensively all season.

Doron Lamb has led Kentucky in scoring 10 times, freshman Anthony Davis nine, Terrence Jones seven, Kidd-Gilchrist six, Miller five and freshman Kyle

Wiltjer once.

"They have a lot of multi-dimensional guys. They can score from three, they can score on the pull up and they can get to the rim," Crean said. "John is such a good coach for a lot of reasons, but I think more than ever this year, this team really shares the basketball. And those guys are just scratching the surface of where they're going to be."

Then there's Kentucky's stifling defense.

With four more blocks, Kentucky will surpass Connecticut's 2004 record of 315 blocks in a season thanks primarily to Davis, who has a nation's best 166. The Wildcats also

lead Division I in field goal percentage defense at 37 percent.

"What we are is a good defensive team," Calipari said. "We're an athletic team. We're a driving team. If we make threes, we're a really strong team."

Calipari often says that all of his players averaged 25 points a game in high school and could score that many in college with a corresponding number of shots.

"They share," Calipari said. "I've got a good crew, a good group of guys."

All seven averaged at least 19.6 points in their respective senior years with Davis leading the way with 32 points, 22 rebounds and

seven blocks as last year's consensus No. 1 recruit in Calipari's third straight top recruiting class.

Davis continues to win numerous accolades, becoming Kentucky's first winner of the Oscar Robertson Trophy on Tuesday, the national player of the year selected by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.

"The recognition is nice, but I want to win the biggest award of them all and that's the national championship," Davis said. "I have

to stay humble and keep working."

Calipari has maintained all along that they're only focused on their own games and not what's ahead in the bracket or the tournament, so he's not playing up the rematch with Crean or the Hoosiers.

"It's about how do we play our best. Let's not get too fancy. Let's not get too crazy," Calipari said. "This

isn't like the trick them time. When you end up trying to trick at this time of the season, you know who you trick? Yourself. You trick yourself.

"We've established who we are. They've established who they are. We have a good idea how they'll play us. (Crean) knows how we're going to play them. Throw it up, and let's see what happens."

ALL-AREA

FROM A7

Ripley's Jessica Garrison and Lydia Hamilton and the Lady Dragons' Natasha Barr and Jaycee Cox were tabbed for that team, joining Georgetown's Madison Pack, Peebles' Lexie Dodridge and Manchester's Haylee Adams.

OHIO GIRLS ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Allison Prine, East-Brown — The senior guard listed at 5-foot-6 was named by the Associated Press to the Division III honorable mention all-Ohio team and second-team all-Southeast District. She scored 14.9 points per game and was all-Southern Hills League.

Niya Royal, Ripley — The all-SHL performer ran the point for the Lady Jays and scored 10.1 ppg, dished out 6.3 assists per game and swiped 4.2 steals a contest. The junior is listed at 5-foot-4.

Hannah Rideout, Manchester — The 5-foot-11 sophomore notched 11.9 ppg on her way to being named Division IV honorable mention all-Ohio and second-team all-Southeast District, as well as all-SHL.

Sidney Pell, Peebles — Pell, a 5-foot-9 sophomore, scored 11.0 ppg, collected 8.0 rpg, recorded 3.2 apg and had 3.4 steals per game. She shot 83 percent on free throws and was honorable mention all-state in Division III, second-team all-Southeast District and all-SHL.

Casey Carter, Georgetown — The 5-foot-6 senior guard was named the Southern Buckeye Conference National Division player of the year, all-state honorable mention in Division III and to the all-Southwest District second team. She scored 17.1 ppg, hitting 50 percent of her

3-pointers and 89 percent on free throws.

Jesse Kidwell, Georgetown — This 5-foot-10 junior forward scored 16.4 ppg and snagged 5.7 rpg. She was named to the SBC National Division first team.

Baylee Wallace, Peebles — Wallace, a 6-foot-1 sophomore, was named third-team all-Southeast District in Division III and all-SHL after scoring 12.7 ppg and grabbing 7.8 rpg.

Andrea Tracy, Eastern Brown — This 5-foot-7 senior forward was named special mention all-Southeast District in Division III by the AP.

Coach — Bernie Cropper, Georgetown — The veteran coach, who just completed his 16th year as the Lady G-Men's bench boss and his 27th year as a head coach, led Georgetown to a 21-3 record, including a 10-0 mark in SBC National Division play, earning him the division coach of the year award. Under Cropper, Georgetown has won 67 of its last 73 games.

HONORABLE MENTION

Natasha Barr, West Union — The sophomore was named special mention all-Southeast District in Division III and all-SHL after racking up 12.2 ppg and 7.8 rpg, leading the Lady Dragons in each category.

Jessica Garrison, Ripley — This 5-foot-4 junior guard scored 12.0 ppg and connected on 47 treys, garnering an all-SHL spot.

Lydia Hamilton, Ripley — The Lady Jays' lone senior, listed at 6-foot-1, transferred to her local school district from St. Patrick over the summer and scored 7.8 ppg with 6.7 rpg.

Madison Pack, Georgetown — The SBC National Division first-teamer scored 7.4 ppg. She's listed as a 5-foot-9 junior forward.

Jaycee Cox, West Union

— This senior scored 6.3 ppg for the Lady Dragons.

Lexie Dodridge, Peebles — The 5-foot-6 freshman point guard led the Lady Indians during the postseason with 12.7 ppg, having scored 9.7 ppg during the regular season. She had 4.5 apg and 3.4 steals a contest.

Haylee Adams, Manchester — A 5-foot-7 sophomore, Adams was honored as a special mention all-Southeast District performer in Division IV.

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Attacks kill 46 across Iraq ahead of Arab summit

VIOLENCE REVEALS INSURGENT PLANS TO THWART IRAQ'S FIRST ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT IN A GENERATION

LARA JAKES
Associated Press

BAGHDAD | Insurgents plotting to derail next week's Arab League meeting in Baghdad unleashed bloody attacks across Iraq on Tuesday, killing 46 people. The government vowed not to be scared off from hosting the summit — the first in the country in a generation and a chance to prove it is moving toward normalcy after years of war.

Bombs struck Shiite pilgrims in the holy city of Karbala, set cars on fire in Kirkuk and targeted security forces and government officials in Baghdad and surrounding cities. Iraqis out shopping or eating at restaurants on the bright, spring day fell victim to the onslaught: More than 200 people were wounded in fewer than six hours.

"Dozens of cars were on fire," said a panicked Saman Majid, who had just arrived at his job at a police station in Kirkuk, 180 miles (290 kilometers) north of Baghdad, when a car in the parking lot exploded.

Thirteen people, most of them police officers, were killed and 59 injured in that attack alone, said Brig. Gen. Sarhad Qadir.

"It was a scene from hell, where there is only a huge fire and dead people and nothing else," Majid said.

The attacks were not entirely unexpected: Government and security officials have warned for weeks that al-Qaida and Sunni sympathizers would try to thwart the League summit by sowing fear about Baghdad's stability. Plans for the

capital to host the meeting last year were postponed, in part because of concerns about security.

Despite numerous road-blocks, checkpoints and other security measures ringing Baghdad, Tuesday's violence showed how easily the militants penetrated the sensitive heart of the capital. A bomb exploded near the Foreign Ministry and offices for security directors overseeing the summit. Another blew up outside the Green Zone shortly after dawn, its blast shaking windows in buildings across the Tigris River.

The Iraqi wing of al-Qaida said it was behind the bombing outside the Foreign Ministry. "Death is approaching you, when you least expect it," the Islamic state of Iraq, a local front group for al-Qaida, taunted in a statement posted Tuesday afternoon on a militant website.

The Shiite-led government staunchly stood by its \$400 million plans to host the summit, which leaders have called a crucial step for Iraq to showcase its improved stability following the sectarian fighting a few years ago that almost pulled the country into civil war.

"Such cowardly acts will not deter the national government and the leadership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the success of the Arab summit in Baghdad to receive the guests and leaders who are invited," Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari said in a statement. The attack outside his headquarters killed three passers-by, he said.

"We condemn this terrorist act and those politically frustrated terrorists who did it," Zebari said.

In all, eight cities were hit Tuesday in what appeared to be coordinated attacks, mostly against Shiite pilgrims and police and government officials. They served as a gloomy reminder of the violence that has wreaked chaos across Iraq since the U.S. invasion exactly nine years ago.

Next week's Arab League summit is the first to be held in Baghdad since March 1990 — less than

five months before Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. Sanctions, including a no-fly zone over Iraq, and two wars made Baghdad an impossible site for the gathering until recently.

There were no immediate reports from the League's 22 member nations that the meeting would be postponed, as happened last year. Arab League Secretary-General Nabil Elaraby strongly condemned the attacks in a statement and urged Iraqi officials to "deal with these crimes."

And more attacks may be on the way. A senior Iraqi military intelligence official said confessions from recently captured insurgents indicate that al-Qaida may have used only 40 percent of the arsenal of violence it has stowed up for the summit.

The senior official described "big dens" of al-Qaida insurgents who have evaded arrest and are bidding their time in Baghdad.

Still, a second senior Iraqi security official said



A man stands at the scene of a car bomb attack in Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday, March 20, 2012. Officials say attacks across Iraq have killed and wounded scores of people in a spate of violence that was dredged in the days before Baghdad hosts the Arab world's top leaders.

the security cordon around Baghdad seemed to have worked, because the majority of attacks took place outside the capital, far from where the Arab leaders are to gather. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

In Karbala, 50 miles (80 kilometers) south of Baghdad, two car bombs exploded in a crowded shopping and restaurant area, killing 13 and wounding 50, said local provincial council member Hussein Shadhan al-Aboudi. Five Iranian pilgrims were among the dead.

Bloody victims lay on stretchers outside Karbala hospital operating rooms as they waited for treatment.

Charred, twisted cars were towed away from the blast sites as shopkeepers tried to sweep up the wreckage.

Karbala is a destination for thousands of Shiite pilgrims from around the world who visit the golden

shrines of two revered imams each day.

"The intention of these attacks is to destabilize the security situation in Karbala and other Iraqi cities and to shake the people's confidence in the government," al-Aboudi said. "It seems that the terrorists want to abort the upcoming Arab Summit in Baghdad. The message is directed to the Arab leaders that Iraq is not safe enough to be visited."

Iraqi citizens and lawmakers have questioned whether they would be safe during the Arab meeting or whether it makes them a target in deadly attacks aimed at scaring away the thousands of dignitaries and journalists from attending and, in effect, embarrassing the government.

Zebari has said at least six Arab heads of state have committed to attending the final day of the summit, which is scheduled for March 27-29.

Iraqi government

spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh announced a weeklong federal holiday in Baghdad, from March 25-31, when government offices will be shut down. Officials also will impose a curfew in parts of Baghdad on March 29 and try to curb violence by shutting off roads near the Green Zone and encouraging people to stay home.

Parliament Speaker Osama al-Nujaifi, a Sunni, called for stepped up security as the summit approaches — and with it, the threat of more violence. The repeated attacks, he said, shows insurgents' intentions "to foil the Arab summit in Baghdad, in order to keep Iraq under the threat of violence and destruction."

Associated Press Writer Qassim Abdul-Zahra and Mazin Yahya in Baghdad and Yahya Barzani in Suleimaniyah, Iraq, contributed to this report.

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Strong, long 7.4 quake shakes Mexico City

KATHERINE CORCORAN
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY | A strong 7.4-magnitude earthquake hit central and southern Mexico on Tuesday, collapsing at least 60 homes near the epicenter and a pedestrian bridge in the capital where people fled shaking office buildings in fear.

One of the strongest to shake Mexico since the deadly 1985 tremor that killed thousands in Mexico City, Tuesday's earthquake sent fear and panic across the region, especially after a less powerful, magnitude-5.1 aftershock was felt

in the capital and several other aftershocks around the borders of Oaxaca and Guerrero near the epicenter.

But hours after the shaking at noon local time (18:06 GMT), there were still no reports of death or serious injury.

"It was very strong, very substantial," said Campos Benitez, hospital director in Ometepec, about 15 miles from the epicenter.

Police radio operator Marcos Marroquin said there were preliminary reports of 60 houses damaged in the municipality but only a report of a broken arm.

Guerrero Gov. Angel Aguirre, who is from Ometepec, was headed there to survey the damage.

In Mexico City, frightened workers and residents poured into the streets of the capital. Telephone service was down in the city and throughout the area where the quake was felt and some neighborhoods were without power, according to Mexico City Mayor Marcelo Ebrard, who set up a hotline for people to report damage.

About 40 passengers were stranded for a short time on the Mexico City airport air train, but later released. The airport closed for a time but officials said there was no runway damage and they resumed operations.

Samantha Rodriguez, a 37-year-old environmental



A woman comforts her crying children outside a school in the Roma neighborhood after an earthquake was felt in Mexico City, Tuesday. A strong, long earthquake with epicenter in Guerrero state shook central southern Mexico on Tuesday, swaying buildings in Mexico City and sending frightened workers and residents into the streets.

consultant, was evacuated from the 11th floor on the Angel Tower office building.

"I thought it was going to pass rapidly but the walls began to thunder and we decided to get out," she said.

Mexico City, built on a lakebed, was badly damaged in 1985 when an 8.0 earthquake killed at least 10,000 people. In past years, Guerrero has suffered several severe earthquakes, including a 7.9 in 1957 which killed an estimated 68 people, and a 7.4 in 1995 which left three dead.

Tuesday's quake was the strongest shaking felt

in the capital since a magnitude-6.5 earthquake struck also in Guerrero in December. Officials said at least three people died in Guerrero, but there were no reports of widespread damage.

A magnitude-8.0 quake near Manzanillo on Mexico's central Pacific coast killed 51 people in 1995 and a magnitude-7.5 quake killed at least 20 people in the southern state of Oaxaca in 1999.

In Huajuapan, Guerrero, near the epicenter, hotel manager Marco Antonio Estrada also reported shaken-up guests but no major damage. He said it was longest and strongest he ever felt. People ran out of their homes and cars.

"It was very strong, but we didn't see anything fall," said Irma Ortiz, who runs a guesthouse in Oaxaca. She said their telephones are down, and that the quake shook them side-to-side.

The U.S. Geological Survey set the preliminary magnitude of the first quake at 7.4 and said the epicenter was 11 miles underground. The survey set the aftershock at 5.1.

U.S. President Barack Obama's oldest daughter, Malia, was reported and safe while on vacation with a school group in Oaxaca.

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Uganda's gays see progress in public opinion war

DESPITE PROPOSED ANTI-GAY BILL

RODNEY MUHUMUZA
Associated Press

KAMPALA, Uganda | Four years ago Frank Mugisha begged his colleagues to join him for his first demonstration in support of gay rights in Uganda. Only four came along.

This week, during a march against gender-based violence led by the gay advocacy group Sexual Minorities Uganda, the Ugandan activist saw more than 30 colleagues walk the streets of Kampala holding pro-gay posters.

"For us, this is a sign of progress," Mugisha said,

pointing to the white tarpaulin under which his group assembled after Monday's hour-long march. "We are no longer afraid of anything. We even have a banner."

Uganda's homosexuals have been in the spotlight since a parliamentarian introduced a tough anti-gay bill in October 2009. World leaders condemned the proposed legislation, though many in Uganda applauded it.

Still, Mugisha carries a sense of optimism that is slowly germinating within the tightly knit gay community. The mere fact, Mugisha said, that Ugandans are now having a national conversation on gay rights is itself an achievement. In the past, the subject was taboo.

"We see a shift in public opinion, and I guess it's because many Ugandans

are talking about homosexuality a lot," he said. "There are some local leaders who are now willing to meet and talk to us. The only problem we have is the belief people have that we are promoting homosexuality and recruiting children."

Activists believe the controversial law will never pass, and now they are pursuing legal action they expect will make it too costly for people to be hostile to gays.

Sexual Minorities Uganda, with help from the New York-based advocacy group Center for Constitutional Rights, filed suit last week against a Massachusetts pastor in U.S. federal court. The suit accuses Scott Lively of being the intellectual force behind the anti-gay bill.

The complaint claims Lively issued a call in Uganda to fight against a "genocidal" and "pedophilic" gay movement, "which he likened to the Nazis and Rwandan murderers."

Lively says his words were taken out of context and denies any wrongdoing.

Sexual Minorities Uganda believes that if it wins the suit, other American evangelicals it accuses of spreading anti-gay propaganda would stay away from Uganda.

"It's been a long journey," said Pepe Julian

Onziema, a gay activist who works with Mugisha. "The suit against Lively is something we had been brainstorming about since he came here in March 2009. We felt, 'How can someone come from someplace and tell our people that we homosexuals are lesser citizens?' We felt really insulted."

The suit against Lively is part of wide-ranging legal action that local gay groups are considering against individuals they consider hostile to the rights of homosexuals. A similar suit is about to be filed at home against Simon Lokodo, the Ugandan ethics minister who personally broke up a gay conference recently, saying they were not authorized to meet.

Sexual Minorities Uganda also wants to bring to court David Bahati, the parliamentarian who introduced the anti-gay bill; three local pastors who championed the bill; and Lokodo's predecessor.

Bahati's original legislation proposed the death penalty for some gay acts. Bahati has said he has since dropped the death penalty provision, though the latest version of the bill has not been made public.

Gays in Uganda won a big victory in January 2011, when a Ugandan judge ruled that the unauthorized outing of homosexuals by a tabloid newspaper violated their right to privacy.



In this photo taken Sept. 30, 2011, an unfinished cabin on Forkston Mountain in Forkston, Pa., where David Grasch, Pat Mahoney and Tony DiMartino died under mysterious circumstances in November 2006 is shown.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Carbon monoxide likely culprit in Pa. deaths

MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press

FORKSTON, Pa. | State police say they now believe that carbon monoxide poisoning likely killed three cousins inside a mountain cabin in 2006 after new tests were conducted in the wake of a story by The Associated Press that raised questions about suspicions it might have been a triple homicide.

The AP story ran in early November 2011, several days before the fifth anniversary of their deaths, and helped prompt a renewed effort to look for answers to doubts about hospital test results and other issues in the initial investigation.

Investigators measured lethal levels of the gas during a pair of reenactments performed at the Forkston Mountain cabin using the same gasoline generator and portable space heaters that had been in place at the time.

The first reenactment was performed in November, and a second one last week confirmed the results regarding the

deaths of David Grasch, Tony DiMartino and Pat Mahoney.

The AP story "was not the engine, but it certainly provided the lubricating oil to assist in moving things," said Sgt. Anthony Manetta, a spokesman for the department.

David's father, Al Grasch, said he planned to visit his son's grave, feeling he could now rest in peace.

"The AP thing was the kicker," he said. "That's what caused all this to come to where it's at."

The investigation has not concluded, and significant questions remain about post-mortem tests done on the three men in the pulmonary laboratory of Moses Taylor Hospital in Scranton, tests that had caused authorities to rule out carbon monoxide poisoning.

Manetta said state police intend to eventually provide the results of their investigation to the Wyoming County coroner, who has never issued a cause or manner of death for the men. They were all in their 20s and from the Philadelphia area and southern

New Jersey.

"The most likely cause of their deaths was carbon monoxide poisoning," Manetta said. "The facts are leading us further from homicide."

The AP wrote about the deaths after the mothers of DiMartino and Mahoney lost a court battle to force the state police to reveal more details about the investigation. Their effort had been launched out of frustration and a belief that the official investigation had stalled.

"I truly believe that God sent me in that direction, to get the lawyer and just at least request samples and paperwork so I could look at something else I didn't have," Maureen Mahoney told the AP. "We just kept getting denied, denied, denied, and that's when, lo and behold, it goes past your desk."

The unsolved deaths created some painful rifts among the families, particularly after detectives focused in on David Grasch's surviving brother Stephen, who was later convicted of leading a cocaine distribution ring centered in Cape May, N.J.



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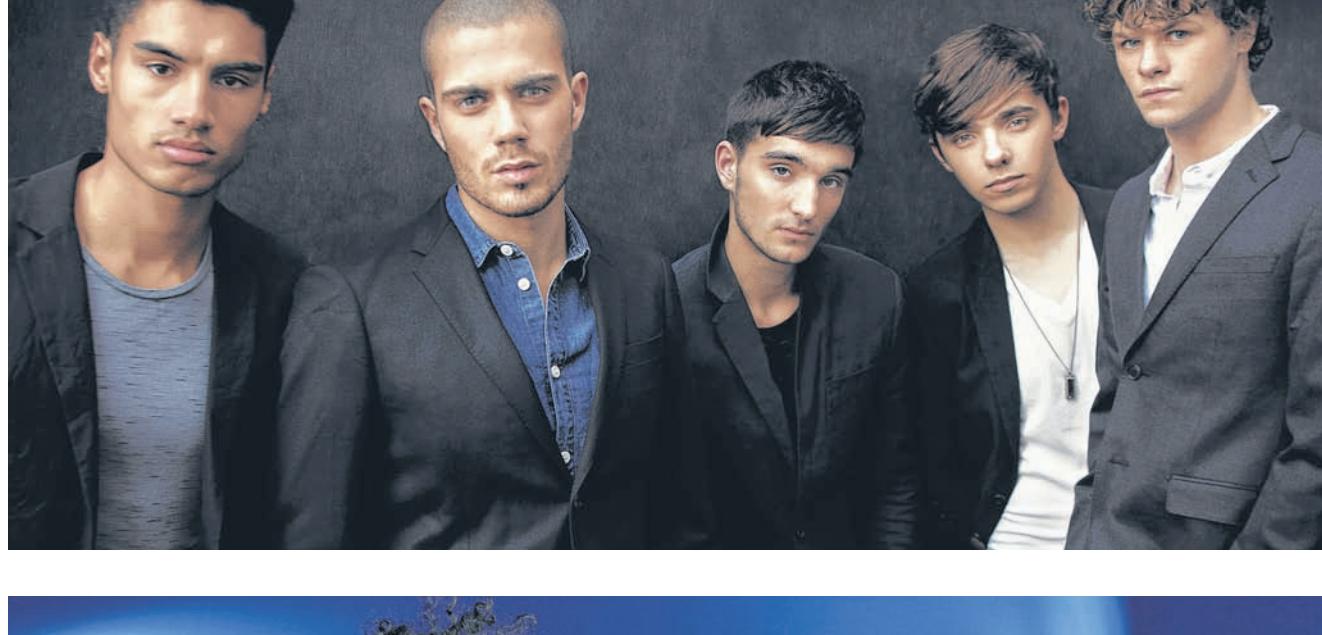
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From top: Members of the band One Direction, from left, Liam Payne, Zayn Malik, Niall Horan, Louis Tomlinson and Harry Styles. Members of The Wanted, from left, Siva Kaneswaran, Max George, Tom Parker, Nathan Sykes and Jay McGuiness. Members of teen R&B boy band Mindless Behavior, from left, Roc Royal, Princeton, Prodigy and Ray Ray. The boy band Big Time Rush, from left, James Maslow, Carlos Pena Jr., Kendall Schmidt and Logan Henderson.

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Boy bands back on music scene

ONE DIRECTION, BIG TIME RUSH, THE WANTED, MORE BOY BANDS ARE POPULAR

MESFIN FEKADU
Associated Press

NEW YORK | It seems like we can never say goodbye, bye, bye to boy bands.

A decade after 'N Sync and the Backstreet Boys dominated the entertainment world, boy bands have returned and are making a comeback.

One Direction, the British quintet that placed third on the U.K.'s "X Factor" in 2010, will see its album "Up All Night" debut high on Billboard's Top 200 albums chart this week. The Wanted, another U.K.-based quintet, is spending its second week at No. 4 on Billboard's Hot 100 singles chart with the jam "Glad You Came."

Big Time Rush, a four-member boy band that also has a hit Nickelodeon show readying its third season, recently wrapped a sold-out tour at New York's Radio City Music Hall, and will embark on a larger U.S. and Canadian trek this summer. And Mindless Behavior, formed by the man who discovered Lady Gaga — record executive Vincent Herbert — debuted at No. 2 on the R&B charts in late 2010 with its

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PETS

Allergies: Airborne, fleas, food, contact

VET SAYS ALL DOG AND CAT BREEDS CAN GET ALLERGIES BUT THEY ARE HARD TO DIAGNOSE AND TREAT

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES | Allergies can cause misery for pets and humans alike. But allergies in animals are not always easy to diagnose and treat.

"I feel so bad because he can't tell me what's wrong," said Angela Duyao of Gilroy, 80 miles south of San Francisco. Harley, her 2-year-old Shih Tzu, has food and seasonal allergies.

It took Duyao, an administrative assistant, 18 months and over \$1,000 to find out Harley was allergic to poultry and pollen.

All dogs and cats can get allergies, and the most common reaction is scratching, said veterinarian Donna Spector, an internal medicine specialist based in Deerfield, Ill.

"Allergies are a real head-banger. They are frustrating for vets, they're frustrating for clients and the dogs and cats itch like crazy so we know it is frustrating for them. Allergies are very challenging to diagnose accurately because it's a diagnosis of exclusion. It takes a lot of money and a lot of time. It takes a very dedicated owner," she said.

There are four kinds of pet allergies: airborne (tree, grass and weed pollen; mold, mildew and dust mites), fleas, food and contact (like carpeting or detergent). The most common pet allergy comes from fleas.

People and pets can cause each other problems: People can be allergic to pet hair or dander and pets can be allergic to products humans use.

Most pet allergies cause scratching. Some other symptoms include discoloration of hair between toes, rashes, open sores, watery eyes, ear infections, runny noses, vomiting and diarrhea, said Spector, a frequent guest on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." She is a consultant to the pet food company co-owned by DeGeneres called Halo, Purely For Pets.

Spunk, an 8-year-old husky mix owned by pet sitter and photographer Ashley Niels, didn't have problems until his family moved to Austin, Texas.

In Texas, he licked himself raw, forming a hot spot on his back, Niels said. The vet put Spunk on antibiotics and gave him a steroid shot. "We didn't have the money to do allergy testing, so we tried diet trials," she said.

But it wasn't food. It was cedar dust and grasses.

"The poor dog lived in a cone for six months," Niels said.

Between the cone, a daily dose of anti-itch medicine and spray salmon in his food, Spunk's allergies became manageable. (Salmon can relieve itching and skin conditions in animals.) He is now off the cone, medicine and steroids.

Niels worries Spunk's allergies will flare up in the coming weeks, but she is ready with the cone if he needs it.

Among the three dogs, six cats, four rats and two ferrets in the Niels household, there is an 8-year-old cat named Zane who used to throw up every day.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS
In this March 15 photo, a four-year-old hairless cream point Sphynx, named Moshe Moshi, is held by her owner Carol Meir of Takoma Park, Md., at The Big Bad Woof, a pet supplies store, in Washington. Meir is managing her cat's allergies with a venison and pork diet and daily medication. She figures it cost her about \$750 for vets and tests. Medicine is \$250 a year.

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PETS

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Through trial and error, Niels found out he was allergic to poultry. Zane's diet doesn't have much variety these days, but he's stopped vomiting, Niels said.

Most pet owners will try to help their pets with allergies, Spector said. "The signs are so annoying and so significant, it rarely goes untreated. The scratching drives owners crazy."

Beyond money, it takes time. If a pet is hurting, the owner wants a quick fix and it can take months, going on years, to find the answer.

Flea allergies pose

unique problems. "One flea can jump on a dog, bite it and keep it symptomatic for seven days," Spector said.

Carol Meir of Takoma Park, Md., spent 18 months experimenting with diet to cure digestive problems in her 4-year-old hairless cat Moshe Moshi.

Meir changed flavors and brands of cat food, cooked for him and took him to animal nutritionists. The conclusion: Moshe Moshi was allergic to poultry and wheat.

"It was easy to eliminate wheat from his diet, but it's really hard to eliminate poultry. You'd be surprised how many products have egg as an emulsifier," she said.

Meir is managing the cream point sphynx's allergies with a venison and pork diet and daily medication. She figures it cost her about \$750 for vets and tests. Medicine is \$250 a year.

"He is worth it. He is the sweetest cat," she said.

Meir was recently diagnosed with a dust mite allergy herself and all three of her cats will benefit, she said.

She's replacing everything from beds (hers and theirs) to carpets and having all air ducts cleaned.

Duyao has always tried to do right by Harley too. He's got his own stroller and spends three days a week at doggie day care. She spent what it took to identify his allergies.

But a medicine mistake cost her \$1,000 and nearly cost Harley his life.

Harley was taking over-the-counter children's allergy medicine on the recommendation of a vet. Duyao ran out one day so she cut up an adult pill.

"He reacted to something in it. It was very scary. He was jittery, his head was bobbing back and forth, his eyes were watery, he was salivating bad, his little heart was beating so fast," she said.

She got him to the vet where they put him on a charcoal IV to drain the poison.

When she picked him up from the vet's the next day, he was fine. "But it was a good lesson," she said.

BANDS

FROM B1

album "(hash)1 Girl," and has toured with Janet Jackson and Justin Bieber, among others.

"It's just exploding," said Ernie D., the creative director and on-air personality for Radio Disney. "It's really amazing to see, especially on my end, hearing all the calls from the listeners. ... So that fever is definitely growing for sure."

It's reminiscent of a time when 'N Sync battled the Backstreet Boys as music's top act, selling millions of albums and concert tickets, thanks to the millions of girls who invested time, their parents' money and screamed pleas for their favorite boy band. 'N Sync and the Backstreet Boys, who rose to fame in the 1990s and carried that through the new millennium, were followed by others successful boy bands, such as 98 Degrees, O-Town and Dream Street.

Before that, it was New Edition who exploded on

the scene in the 1980s, followed by the massive success of New Kids on the Block. And before that, there was the Jackson Five and the Osmonds, and so on.

The Jonas Brothers made it big in the mid-2000s with its hit Disney TV series, films and albums. They started to fade years later, though, as the oldest, Kevin, got married, and Joe and Nick launched solo careers.

But now, there are various boy bands releasing music simultaneously, helping drive each other to the top of the charts.

"It's giving us that little competition that makes us want to go further and excel further than we are right now," said 22-year-old Carlos Pena Jr. of Big Time Rush.

"It's cool to see more boy bands, but us, Mindless Behavior, we want to show the fans what we got," said Mindless Behavior's Prodigy, who is 15. Roc Royal and Princeton — both 14 — and Ray Ray, 15, round out the group.

Big Time Rush recently had its TV film, "Big Time

Movie," reach over 13.1 million total viewers when it debuted on Nickelodeon two weeks ago. They also released an EP of the same name to accompany the film, which features cover versions of classic Beatles songs.

The group members said they weren't excited about being coined a "boy band" when they debuted in late 2009.

"We hated that term to start with," 21-year-old James Maslow said.

"Because the term hadn't come back yet," added Kendall Schmidt, 21. "We kind of feel like we paved the way for it to come back."

The foursome — which includes Logan Henderson — has released two albums. Their last tour featured One Direction as the opening act.

"We want to support other boy bands as well because we really want that whole genre to come back," Maslow said.

Other boy bands on the verge include Midnight Red, formed by RedOne, the producer behind Lady Gaga hits like "Just Dance," "Poker Face" and "Bad Romance." Midnight Run will release a single next month, and an album later this year. Beyoncé, who recently launched her production company Parkwood Entertainment, said

she plans on putting together her own boy band. And the British quartet JLS, the runners-up on the U.K.'s "X Factor" in 2008, has released three top-selling albums in Europe, collecting five No. 1s; they have plans to release music in America.

"There's always going to be a market out there for teenage girls and girls in their early twenties that have this desire (for boy bands) ... and eventually they grow with the bands," said Howie Dorough of the Backstreet Boys, who recently released his solo debut, "Back to Me."

The Wanted, whose members range in age from 18 to 23, has released two albums in the United Kingdom; its U.S. debut is out on April 24. At last month's Brit Awards, The Wanted's "All Time Low" lost best British single to One Direction's "What Makes You Beautiful," currently No. 28 on the Billboard chart. One Direction, whose youngest member is 18 and oldest is 20, have signed up to do a Nickelodeon show and will perform at next month's Kids Choice Awards; Big Time Rush is also slated to perform.

Radio Disney's Ernie D. says the new crop of boy bands are finding success much faster than groups in the past.

"The way it's happening now, it's a little more sudden than last time. Because back then you had to build your fan base, get a following. Now with all social media, you have a fan base immediately ... (and) as soon as you nail that fan base, you're on the rise for sure," he said.

"Bands like One Direction and The Wanted, they're just coming out of nowhere and it's kind of taking everybody by surprise."

DATEBOOK

TODAY

MASON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — Head Start Storytime, 10 a.m.

MASON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS — Speaker, Robin Daulton, Morehead State University, Senior Medicare Patrol Program, meals at 11:45 a.m.

MANCHESTER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION — 5:30 p.m., at Manchester High School.

CHARTER OAK CEMETERY — All Fall and Christmas flowers need to be removed by today for mowing.

BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES — Ethics Committee and board meeting at 4:30 p.m. at the Lake Manor Restaurant, 13143 US 68, Mount Orab.

MANCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION — 6:30 p.m., Manchester High School, personnel issues.

THURSDAY

MASON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — Pre School Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

MASON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS COUNCIL — 11 a.m., Mason County Extension Office.

MASON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS — Meals served at 11:45 a.m.

FLEMING COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — Computer Class on Facebook Basics, 2 p.m.

MASON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — Free computer class, basic help, facebook, resume help and other, 9:30 a.m.

WORKER'S COMP SAFETY MEETING — 9:11 a.m., Rhomeus Hall, Georgetown, Ohio, for Adams, Brown, Clermont and Highland Counties.

ADAMS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT — Immunization Clinic, 1-4 p.m.

MASON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — eBook Readers, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

ST. JAMES/ST. AUGUSTINE KC — Fish and Shrimp Fry, 5-7 p.m., carryouts available, \$7 adults, \$5 children 12 and under, at St. James Parrish Hall, menu: fish, shrimp, bread, hush puppies, slaw, chips, dessert and drinks.

MASON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS — Special bingo.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTH — Parade, Ripley, Ohio at 3:30 p.m.. Main Street and ending at the library.

ARTISAN SHOWCASE — Sponsored by Vanceburg Lions, 4-8 p.m., at 1108 Fairland Drive, Vanceburg. Local artisans showing and selling their work.

SATURDAY

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL — 5:30 p.m., spaghetti dinner, Trinity United Methodist Church, Third Street, Maysville.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT — \$5 entry fee, Lewisburg Volunteer Fire Department, high and low prizes given, benefit March of Dimes, March for Babies, register at 6 p.m., and play at 6:30 p.m.

ARTISAN SHOWCASE — Sponsored by Vanceburg Lions, 4-8 p.m., at 1108 Fairland Drive, Vanceburg. Local artisans showing and selling their work.

FOURTH DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC WOMAN'S CLUB — 11:30 a.m., Blue Licks Battleground State Resort Park.

LEWISBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT — Pancake Breakfast, 1-11 a.m., \$4 all you can eat. Carry outs available.

MONDAY

BUSINESS HORIZONS SEMINAR — MCTC, 5:30 p.m., dinner, panel of business owners, session one — creative financing, and business diversity; session two — conventional financing, and international sales opportunities. Call Jessica at 1-606-759-7141 ext. 6612 if attending. No fee.

ADAMS COUNTY/OHIO VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT --CIPA hearing at 6:30 p.m., board meeting, 7 p.m., at Ohio Valley Career and Technical Center.

TUESDAY

MAYSVILLE ROTARY CLUB — Duff Griffin, speaker, tourism, lunch at 11:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

GOLDEN NEEDLES QUILTING CLUB — 9 a.m., purse making, Mason County Extension Office.

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL — 5-6 p.m., First Christian Church, Third Street, Maysville, spaghetti dinner, enter by side door in Fellowship Hall.

MCTC TECH SAVVY — Three one hour sessions, 1-2 p.m., Improving Productivity; 2:15-3:15, Office 2010 update; 3:30-4:30 p.m., Using iPhone and

iPad, \$10 each seminar or \$25 for all three.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 29

MASON COUNTY RED CROSS BENEFIT — Celebrity waiter, Tumbleweed, 6-8 p.m.

TRI COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMAN'S CLUB — 6 p.m., Mason County Public Library, speaker, Jared Smith from the Kentucky Democratic Party. Appetizers and soft drinks will be served. Bring a guest. This will also be a reorganization meeting.

PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION BREAKFAST — 7:30 a.m., Fleming County Extension Service Office. Seaker, Debra Weber, "Making A Difference One Child At A Time." RSVP please.

KET EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION — MCTC, 6:30 p.m., Fields Auditorium, speaker, Helen Morrison. Presentation on three great resources for teachers. Free boxed supper with a RSVP by calling 606-301-3842. Sponsored by the Maysville Woman's Club and the Maysville Younger Woman's Club.

ADAMS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT — Immunization Clinic, 1-4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

FISH FRY DINNER — Orangeburg Fire Hall and Community Center, fish, sandwiches, homemade dessert, 5-7 p.m. at 6 p.m., new fire engine will be pushed into the bay and ready for service.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

BUILDING FOR HOPE SONG FEST FOR MASON COUNTY RED CROSS — Benefit for tornado victims, no charge, donations only, featuring Joyce Grandison, Shepard House Choir, Sam Huff, Jeannie Sergeant, Katie Robinson, Band New Royal. For information call Marty Mastin, at 584-7181 or Red Cross at 606-759-7211. Will be held at the Victory Christian Center on US 62 in old Washington, starting at 6 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY BENEFIT — Benefit for Betty Pownall, at Veteran's Clubhouse, 310 Pearl Street, Manchester, Ohio, spaghetti dinner at 4-6 p.m., auction and music to follow. Raffle for \$100 and 50/50 drawing. Meal \$6 and includes spaghetti dinner, tea, coffee and dessert.

FRIDAY

ST. JAMES/ST. AUGUSTINE KC — Fish and Shrimp Fry, 5-7 p.m., carryouts available, \$7 adults, \$5 children 12 and under, at St. James Parrish Hall, menu: fish, shrimp, bread, hush puppies, slaw, chips, dessert and drinks.

MASON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS — Special bingo.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTH — Parade, Ripley, Ohio at 3:30 p.m.. Main Street and ending at the library.

ARTISAN SHOWCASE — Sponsored by Vanceburg Lions, 4-8 p.m., at 1108 Fairland Drive, Vanceburg. Local artisans showing and selling their work.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

MAYSVILLE ROTARY CLUB — 11:45 a.m., lunch, speaker, Katie Wadell from Tom Browning Boys and Girls Club.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

BUFFALO TRACE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT --Water Management Council, noon, at the BTADD office in Maysville.

MCTC PEDIATRIC ABUSIVE HEAD TRAUMA — 10 a.m., Maysville Campus.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

OUTGOING WORKING LADIES CLUB — 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

MCTC MICROSOFT WORD 2010 — April 10 — May 1, 6-8 p.m., Maysville Campus.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

BLUE LICKS FARMER'S MARKET — GAP training, free, 6 p.m., Nicholas County Extension Office. Call 859-289-2312 for information. This is for those who don't have GAP training.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

GOLDEN BURLEY CHAPTER OF NARFE — Noon, deSha's Restaurant, speaker, Rev. Norman Wasson.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

ANNUAL QUILT SHOW — 1-5 p.m., and at 3 p.m., Quilt turning, at Stone Chapel Church, 89 Tresz Road, West Union, Ohio. Call 937-544-3438 for more information.

MCTC REAL ESTATE UPDATES — 9 a.m., — 4 p.m., Maysville Campus.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

MCTC WRITING GRANTS — Noon, Maysville Campus.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

MCTC CPR — Classes, 4-8 p.m., Maysville Campus.

THURSDAY, APRIL

HOW YOU SEE IT

REPORT A POTHOLE

How do we contact the State Highway department? I think it is terrible that the town has so many potholes. These are hard on your cars. What a disgrace!

(EDITOR'S NOTE: You can visit the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's website at <http://transportation.ky.gov/Pages/Report-a-Pothole.aspx> or call the cabinet at 502-564-4890. If the potholes are in city streets and not state highways call the city at 564-4588.)

A MAJOR RIP-OFF

Oil companies are ripping the people off and no one is standing up for the people. It is affecting all businesses.

PLENTY TO GO AROUND

As a homeowner of Aberdeen, I can't believe what I am reading. Once again the council has made a tremendous blunder. There are two members who need to be kicked out immediately, never to return. You know who owns the property and now it will take years to sell this. It will take a while before this can be settled. We could have been on Brown County water. The idiot is the one whose last name starts with the letter C.

A TOUGH READ

I read the 2,000 pages on Obamacare at the library and it took me almost a week and half to read it. I read a little each day. I wonder how others read it. If they did, Obama care would never have come into existence.

THERE THEY GO AGAIN

As a resident of Aberdeen, Ohio I am embarrassed to hear all of the negative publicity that goes on at the council and committee meetings. This doesn't do the town any good at all. Looks like the council should all be fired and dismissed and another town take over. Where does this end?

FOUR FOR OHIO

State of Ohio has four teams in the final sixteen of the NCAA. This is a great record. We have almost half the field of all the teams this year. Kentucky should win it all. We will see.

TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE

How can the Aberdeen Village call someone an idiot when he is an idiot?

ALL THE RIGHT MOVES

I am so glad to see that Mason County Schools are keeping up with technology. With the impact of electronics nowadays, they are doing the right thing.

GO BIG BLUE

I think it would be a great idea if each person in Mason County and Maysville would wear something blue Friday to wish for Darius Miller and the UK Wildcats a win. If you can't be at the game Friday night, be with them in spirit.

The Comment Line is 606-564-4045. A tape recorder is used to record messages. Please speak slowly and clearly and keep background noises low. It is not necessary to leave your name in order to participate in the Comment Line, however we ask that callers not dominate the medium. The Ledger Independent reserves the right to edit comments for libel, obscenities or other inappropriate material.



QUOTE, UNQUOTE

"This act is despicable, it cannot go unpunished. Each time this man acts, he acts to kill, giving his victims no chance." — France President Nicolas Sarkozy in a prime-time address to the nation after a gunman on a motorbike opened fire Monday at a Jewish school, killing a rabbi and his two young sons as they waited for a bus, then chased down a 7-year-old girl, shooting her dead at point-blank range.

"This campaign has been long. It has been difficult, and it has been costly. There have been setbacks, to be sure, we're experiencing them now, and there will be more setbacks ahead." — Gen. John Allen, the top U.S. commander for the war in Afghanistan, telling Congress that the U.S. must stick to its strategy, including the planned withdrawal calendar, over the next several months despite recent setbacks that have tested America's relations with the Afghans.

"It just feels like another ridiculous attempt by Rick Santorum to appeal to the far right." — Steven Hirsch, chief executive and co-founder of Vivid, one of the industry leaders in the marketing of sex films, books and other ventures in comments after the U.S. porn industry's movers and shakers accused Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum on Monday of pandering to conservative voters when he vowed to crack down on their business if elected.

POLITICAL COMMENTARY

High-flying corporate welfare



GEORGE WILL



Politicians, however, enjoy being drawn into largesse sweepstakes, which pretty much define the political profession today. So expect the bank to survive and even thrive, with its cap raised from \$100 billion to \$140 billion.

WASHINGTON — Sallie James was born in Australia on July 4, 1976, which suggests that Providence planned what happened 30 years later: She moved to Washington. She studies trade policy at the libertarian Cato Institute and her report "Time to X Out the Ex-Im Bank" illustrates how corporate welfare metastasizes as government tries to rectify the inevitable inequities of its constantly multiplying favoritisms. And while picking American winners, the Export-Import Bank creates American losers.

The bank, whose current reauthorization expires May 31, and which two months before that might hit the \$100 billion cap on its loan exposure, subsidizes myriad export transactions with guaranteed loans to make U.S. exports cheaper. Mission creep is a metabolic urge of government agencies, but there may be mission gallop at the bank as it tries to correct the collateral damage it does to some U.S. companies, and as it is pushed to further politicize credit markets by mirroring the market-distorting policies of foreign governments.

The bank's website says it helps "to level the playing field for U.S. exporters by matching the financing that other governments provide to their exporters." But a leveler's work is never done.

There is a reason critics have called Ex-Im "Boeing's bank." America's biggest exporter is by far the biggest beneficiary of the bank's activities. But when the bank's interventions in financing help Boeing sell planes to China, India and other nations, it enhances the ability of those nations' airlines to compete — often using discounted excess capacity — with U.S. international carriers.

The bank is only lightly constrained by the law that supposedly leases it. The bank is required to consider "any serious adverse effect" on U.S. companies before supporting foreign purchasers in order to help other U.S. companies. But Richard B. Hirst, general counsel of Delta Air Lines, charges that the bank exempts 90.8 percent of its transactions from this requirement.

Hirst says that from 2005 to 2010, the bank "financed or guaranteed the financing for purchases of 634 Boeing aircraft" and in 2011 it "authorized over \$11.4 billion in financing for foreign airlines to purchase Boeing aircraft." Because airlines are capital intensive, subsidized loans give foreign carriers a competitive advantage over U.S. international carriers. Hirst says that if Delta had been eligible for similar subsidies, it could have saved approximately \$100 million a year

in financing costs," and could have used that money to hire more workers "or even purchase additional aircraft from Boeing."

To which Washington's likely response will be: Fine, let's expand the bank's mandate. Speaking last month at a Boeing plant in Everett, Wash., President Obama pledged "to give American companies a fair shot by matching the unfair export financing that their competitors receive from other countries." This looks like a promise to compound market distortions by further politicizing credit markets, while enunciating no limiting principle.

Obama is directing the bank to offer United Airlines a subsidy to match any subsidy Canada offers to persuade United to choose the Montreal-made Bombardier as United chooses between it, Boeing and Airbus. So American taxpayers will subsidize United to subsidize Boeing, which is already being subsidized in ways injurious to Delta and others.

There is an understandable urge to counter the subsidies that foreign governments give to companies competing with U.S. companies. The result, however, is an increasingly mercantilist world. And as Hirst's argument indicates, it is difficult to prove that the net effect is to increase employment rather than just redistribute employment to different — and, inevitably, politically astute — companies and sectors.

As Sallie James says, public choice theory teaches that government favors flow to the politically connected. And favor-dispensing institutions such as the Export-Import Bank are dispensing incentives for private interests to develop lucrative political connections.

What next? Look for proposals to authorize the bank to subsidize U.S. manufacturers competing with foreign imports that have price advantages because of government subsidies. And so it goes, subsidies begetting counter-subsidies, as U.S. trade policy is increasingly set by foreign governments.

Politicians, however, enjoy being drawn into largesse sweepstakes, which pretty much define the political profession today. So expect the bank to survive and even thrive, with its cap raised from \$100 billion to \$140 billion. Congress' normal reaction to wayward institutions is to extend their lives, expand their mandates and increase their money. In Washington, the penalty for slipping the leash of law is a longer leash and a larger purse.

George Will's email address is georgewill@washpost.com.

POLITICAL COMMENTARY

Debt, deficit picture one massive downer



TOM PURCELL

We need policies that will unleash growth in America. We need broad-based tax reform to simplify taxes and encourage investment. We need leaders who aren't afraid to lead. We need Americans to understand how serious our debt problem is. And we need them to press their legislators to come together to solve the problem.

"It puts me in a bad mood, if you want to know the truth."

"Ah, yes, you speak of recent comments by Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, reported at CNSNews.com. He articulates America's debt and deficit problems better than anyone in politics today."

"You got that right. Daniels says the rate at which we're piling on debt will lead to our ruin — that no other outcome is mathematically possible."

"Regrettably, that is true — and so obvious, a fifth-grader could figure it out. Consider: When George W. Bush assumed office, the national debt was \$5.7 trillion. He nearly doubled it in eight years to \$10.6 trillion."

"Some fiscal conservative he turned out to be."

"In 2002, Bush was the first to propose a \$2 trillion budget. In 2008, he was the first to propose a \$3 trillion budget. In six short years, spending soared by nearly 60 percent! Now President Obama wants to spend \$3.8 trillion — nearly double what we spent a decade ago!"

"That doesn't sound so good."

"Sure, Obama inherited a horrible economy and high deficits, but the fact is he has grown our debt by more than \$5 trillion in only three years. Our national debt now stands at \$15.5 trillion!"

"Some fiscal conservative he turned out to be."

"ABC's Jake Tapper will surely make you worry all the more. He broke down America's finances by comparing them to a typical family's finances. If you remove eight zeros from Obama's proposed \$3.8 trillion budget, you have \$38,000 in annual spending."

"OK, I follow you."

"The problem is we only have \$29,000 in revenue. So we are racking up \$9,000 in new debt every year."

"That's not so good."

"Here's what's worse: We already have a \$155,000 debt on our credit card. Paying

off that amount of debt with \$38,000 in income would be hard under any circumstances. But we're not only not paying it off, we're growing it by \$175 a week!"

"You're a real downer, man."

"The truth is painful, no doubt. Daniels argues it is very possible that the U.S. can pass a point of no return. We could get to a point where we are so indebted and so bankrupt that the payments on the debt alone will eat up most of the budget."

"So what do we do to get out of this mess?"

"Despite all this talk about taxing the rich, Daniels says there is no way we can tax our way out of our fiscal mess. We need to reform entitlement programs, such as Medicare, which are growing at massive rates, but cuts alone will not fix our mess."

"Then what will?"

"Massive economic growth. We need policies that will unleash growth in America. We need broad-based tax reform to simplify taxes and encourage investment. We need leaders who aren't afraid to lead. We need Americans to understand how serious our debt problem is. And we need them to press their legislators to come together to solve the problem."

"Good luck with that. More Americans are receiving government goodies now than are paying for them. They want the gravy train to keep rolling."

"That is certainly cause for worry.

French philosopher Alexis de Tocqueville predicted 176 years ago that 'the American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money.' Haven't we already passed this point?"

"Hey, after talking with you, I'm not in a bad mood anymore."

"You're not?"

"No, I'm in a horrendously miserable mood and worried sick about the future of my country."

FAMILY CIRCUS

by Bill Keane



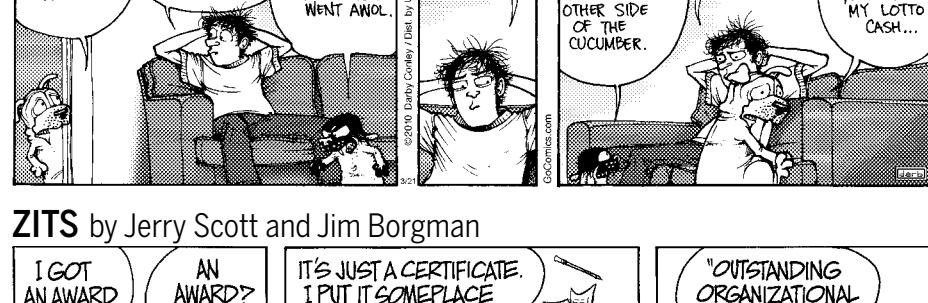
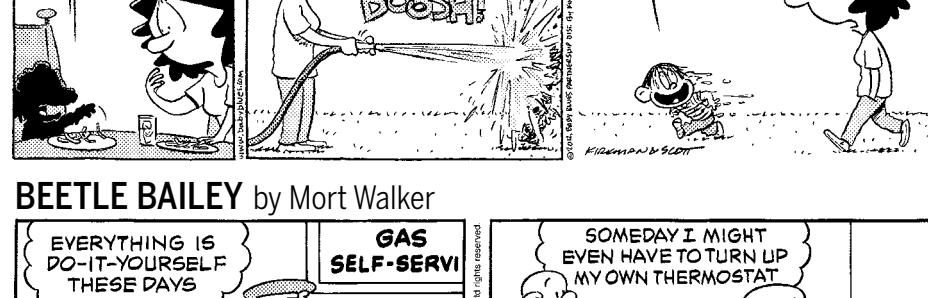
"Mommy, do you remember if this was my good sweater or my play sweater?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

by Hank Ketcham

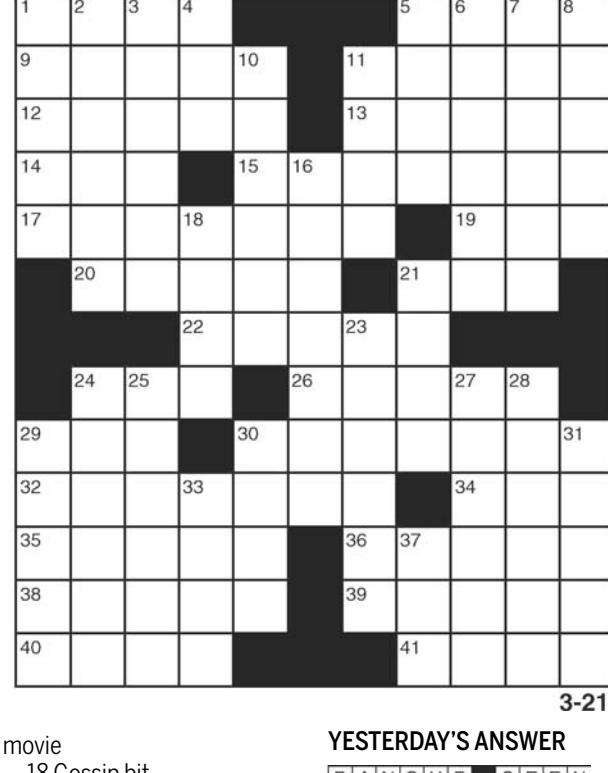


"I FOUND OUT THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 'KITTY LITTER' AND A 'LITTER OF KITTIES!'

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ACROSS

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- 5 Valley
- 9 Paraphrase
- 11 Flatten
- 12 Cow of commercials
- 13 "The Vampire Diaries" heroine
- 14 Maiden name label
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- 17 As soon as seen
- 19 Golf support
- 20 Lauder of cosmetics
- 21 Cart puller
- 22 Blunder
- 24 Sandwich choice
- 26 "Pretty"
- 29 Buddy
- 30 Culpable
- 32 Now and then
- 34 "Norma -"
- 35 Augusta's state
- 36 Short jackets
- 38 "Reversal of Fortune" star
- 39 Go — (decay)
- 40 Start of a German count
- 41 Clutter



movie

- 18 Gossip bit
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- 23 Printing method
- 24 1962 John Wayne film
- 25 Director's cry
- 27 Atlas section
- 28 Bolivian plains
- 29 Dwight's wife
- 30 Iowa city
- 31 Lab work
- 33 Travel stops
- 37 Male turkey

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

**BRIDGE** by Steve BeckerEast dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♦ 9 4 3			
♦ A 7			
♦ Q J 10 8 5			
♦ 6 5 3			

WEST		EAST	
♦ Q J 10 8 2		♦ A	♦ K 10 8
♦ 9 6 5 2		♦ A 7 2	
♦ 6 4 3		♦ Q 10 8 7 4 2	
♦ J			

SOUTH			
♦ K 7 6 5			
♦ Q J 4 3			
♦ K 9			
♦ A K 9			

The bidding:
East South West North
1♦ Dble 2 NT Pass Opening lead — queen of spades.

Consider this deal where West led the queen of spades against two notrump. East won the spade with the ace and thereupon returned the king of hearts! Without this startling play, declarer would have made the contract easily.

Let's suppose East had returned a club, which seems the natural thing to do. South would win with the ace, establish dummy's diamonds and score eight tricks consisting of four diamonds, two clubs, a spade and a heart. But the king-of-hearts return put an end to this threat, holding declarer to one diamond trick instead of four.

Declarer took the heart king with dummy's ace, then led a low diamond to the king and a second diamond to dummy's ten, West following with the three and four. Had East made the mistake of ducking the ten, South would have had his eighth trick. But East took the ace of diamonds and returned the ten of hearts, and South could score only seven tricks.

West's play of the three

followed by the four indicated that he had started with exactly three diamonds. East therefore had no problem winning the second diamond because he knew South had only two cards in the suit.

Had West been dealt the doubleton 4-3 of diamonds, he would have played the four first and the three next. In that case, East would then have ducked the second round of diamonds, knowing that South had the remaining diamond.

Whether one plays first the three and then the four, or the four and then the three, might seem like splitting hairs, but the fact is that hairsplitting often makes the critical difference in the delicate art of defense.

Tomorrow: Ingenuity knows no bounds.**HOROSCOPE** by Frances Drake**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)

You are so forceful in your communication today that everything you say is almost vehemently powerful! Don't be surprised if you see the hair blowing back over other people's ears.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Your willingness and eagerness to do research today surely will yield excellent results. You'll find whatever you're looking for, especially if it is something in the past.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Lively discussions with old friends will take place today. One or both of you is excited to see the other. There will be a lot of backslapping and trading of lies.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Conversations with bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs will be unusually forceful today. Be careful you don't say something to threaten those in authority, because you might regret it.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Your enthusiasm for practically anything will make this an easy day to study and learn something new. Do whatever you can to broaden your experience of your world. Take a course. Learn a new language.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Discussions about inheritances and shared property will be very intense today. Whatever happens, you'll say what you mean and mean what you say!

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Conversations with partners and close friends are unusually enthusiastic today. It looks like somebody wants to give you a piece of his or her mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You have the kind of energy today that will make you unusually productive at work. You're determined. Move that mountain! Build that bridge!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

This is a wonderful, creative day for you! Explore any kind of arts and crafts. Enjoy sports and playful activities with children. Romantic discussions will be memorable!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You might be unusually forceful in family discussions today. When it comes to family repairs or anything going on at home, you definitely want your way today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You'll have no trouble convincing others what you want today. Your communication is so forthright that people will sit up and listen.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

Trust your moneymaking ideas. You feel unusually experimental and willing to take a chance. (This is because you believe in your own ideas today.)

YOU BORN TODAY

You have a fabulous imagination. In fact, you're a bit of a dreamer. Fortunately, you also have a practical side. It's important for you to find opportunities to express yourself, especially your creativity.

CRYPTOGRAM

by Bob Johnson and Mary Margolies

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I DON'T AGREE WITH MATHEMATICS: THE SUM TOTAL OF ZEROS IS A FRIGHTENING FIGURE. — STANISLAW J. LEC**sudoku** by Dave GreenAnswer to previous puzzle
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• Wednesday
10:30 AM Trinity United Methodist Church Library, 26 W. Third Street, Maysville, KY

★ Nar-anon Meetings★

• Thursday
6:30PM - 7:00pm

At the Trinity United Methodist Church Library, 26 West 3rd St. Maysville, Ky

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• Monday
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• Wednesday
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• Thursday
6:00 PM - New Beginnings Group, Hunter House, Episcopal Church

• Friday
8:00PM Road To Recovery, Episcopal Church, Corner of Third & Limestone, Maysville, KY

• Saturday
7PM Quitters Mt. Olivet, next to Post office.

• Sunday
7PM Washington United Methodist Church, 1917 US 68, Maysville, KY

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• Saturday
6:30PM Spiritual Solutions Group Hunter House, Episcopal Church Third & Limestone, Maysville

• Sunday
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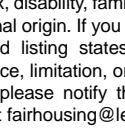
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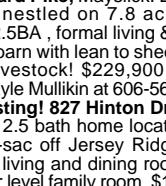
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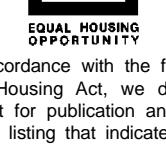
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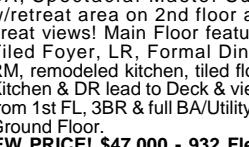
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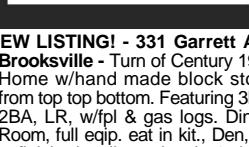
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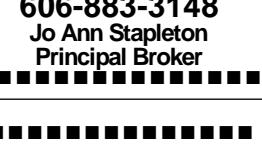
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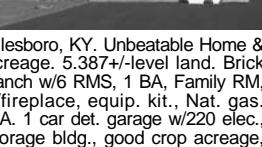
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Got Land 300-\$1000 down 5-11 acres BLicks, Big Creek, 16K up, others. 813-788-6644.

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\$17,000+ Lot - Woodlane Acres - 12 Lots Remaining off E. Maple Leaf, Underground Utilities, County Maint. Streets, .502 Ac to .866 Ac, KU Electric.

\$20,000 - Barry Road, Maysville, 1.009 Acre Lot - ONLY LOT LEFT, Underground Utilities, KU Elect.

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U.S. 62 DEVELOPMENT LAND - 75 +/- acres of land w/loads of trees! The perfect spot for a new subdivision. Also avail. is a 1.27 acre lot w/frontage on US 62 across from Laurel Oaks golf course. Call Debi Beiland 606-584-1485.

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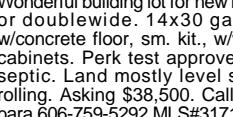


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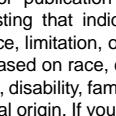
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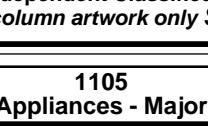
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